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The prize winners for March are:

Eliza Ballou, "The Story of Tommy Stringer," 1st Prize.

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Georgie Lee Bruce, "Circumstantial Evi-dence," 4th Prize.

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# The Story of Tommy Stringer.

BY ELIZA BALLOU.

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BOUT a year and a half ago, a little child was in a little, then she spelled out to Mr. Anagnos: one of the hospitals in "He must come." Williamsburgh, Pennsylvania, who awaken-ed emotions of the deepest pity in the saw him.

His motherwas dead: his father had abandoned him. But that was not the sum of his misfortune.

He was deaf. He was dumb. He was blind. His situation was

pitiful indeed. Yet this helpless

child of four years of age, had from his very helpless-

ness, endeared himself to the hospital authorities and to the nurses who had him in charge.

But hospital-directors have to look to their funds, and, although it did seem as though this showed her message to his friends and they baby could not be a great financial burden, it sent more. Then he had the letter printed, was decided that as he was woll, so far as bodily just as it was in her own square writing, and

ailments were concerned, that the almshouse rather than the hospital was the proper place for him, and that he must be removed.

The nurses who had care of him were greatly distressed; they knew that the result of the removal would be disastrous to the child, and they begged for a little respite until some plan could be formed which should end in his being put under proper care.

So somebody interested in the hospital wrote to Mr. Anagnos, the director of the Boston School for the Blind, and the founder of the blind children's Kindergarten.

Mr. Anagnos' heart went out to this little waif, as it always goes out to one in misfortune, and he felt that the child must come to the shelter of the kindergarten.

But how could it be done?

Money was needed, for a child of this kind cannot be taught with other children, as those can who are only blind, but he must have a special teacher whose sole charge he should be, and who would have the care of him day and night.

It was done, and done through a girl of twelve, who was similarly afflicted, but who had so overcome the limitations of her physical being, that she was bright and more advanced intellectually than any child of her years who is in full possession of all her faculties.

When the letter came telling of Tommy Stringer and his sad case, Helen Kellarthought

And this is the way she made the beginning. A short time before, a beautiful setter dog, to which she was deeply attached, had died. As everything that Helen Kellar, wonderful child, hearts of all who does and says is of interest to all who know about her, somebody wrote in one of the news papers of her loss.

Only a day or two after she heard of Tommy Stringer, she received a letter from a dog fancier in New York, offering to give her a very valuable dog to take the place of the one she had lost.

When the letter was read to her, she thought a moment, then taking her writing block, such as blind people use, she wrote a reply. I wish I could give it to you just as she wrote

it, for it was so sweet and pathetic, that it would touch every heart.

She told the story of Tommy, then she thanked her unknown friend, and told him if he really wanted to make her happy, he would send her the value of the dog in money, and Tommy Stringer should come to the Kindergarten.

The letter accomplished its mission. The man not only sent her the money, but he

Money came pouring into Helen's hands, until there was enough to take care of Tommy for a year, and he was sent for.

They brought him to Boston, that child of four years old, a bright, pretty boy with golden hair and beautiful blue eyes that did not look as though they were darkened forever, dressed as a baby. He literally knew nothing except to love those who were kind to him.

It was like taking a young animal and trying to make a human being out of it. But Tommy was bright and intelligent, and had a soul, and it was not long before he began to have an idea of what the teacher was trying to do. Her first task was to teach him correct personal habits, then how to feed himself, and then he was put into his boy's clothes, the same that he has on in the little picture, for this was taken when he had been only a few weeks at the Kindergarten.

Then he was taught the difference between right and wrong, and it was most wonderful to see the moral sense arouse and develop.

But one year's work would make only a heginning, and Helen Kellar set about raising more money for her young protege, to whom she was tenderly attached.

Will it seem like a fable or a miracle, when I tell you that, at the visitor's reception at the Kindergarten, in April last, I heard this child speak in behalf of Tommy. It was like the pleading of an angel. As she stood with her beautiful face suffused with emotion, her hand clasping that of her dear friend, Rev. Edward Everett Hale, she was like one inspired. Men and women sat with the tears rolling down their faces, and sobs were heard all over the

Helen had been to the Horace Mann school and had learned to articulate. She did not speak quite plainly, but with a little interpretation from Dr. Hale, the people understood it. And they responded.

How could they help it?

Then a lady who has a beautiful house on the water side of Beacon Street offered her parlors for Helen to give a tea. The tickets were a dollar. Some young ladies sold flowers and candy, and the beautiful rooms were crowded. Bishop Brooks, who was a devoted friend of Helen, was present, and so was Dr. Oliver Wendall Holmes and Dr. Hale.

Two days after the tea, Helen had the pleasure of sending a check for \$1,325.00 to Mr. Francis Jackson, the treasurer of the Kindergarten, to put away for Tommy.

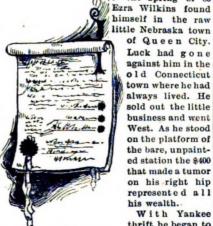
And so the future of this child is assured. In the meantime he is growing a splendid sturdy fellow, and is making great progress. He can spell many words by the hand, can use a needle beautifully, and is learning to articulate. lar. Some young ladies sold flowers and candy,

late.
Could any one with all the faculties alive and
alert, have done more for another than sweet
deaf, dumb and blind Helen Kellar has done
for deaf, dumb and blind Tommy Stringer?

# How He Carried Out His Contract.

BY J. D. ELLSWORTH

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little Nebraska town of Queen City. Luck had gone against him in the old Connecticut town where he had always lived. He sold out the little business and went West. As he stood on the platform of the bare, unpainted station the \$400 that made a tumor on his right hip

his wealth. With Yankee thrift he began to "look for a job." The largest store in town

prictor sold everything, from horse-rakes to caramels, and was rich. He was as mean as he was rich, and always drove a sharp bargain and got the best end of it. If Wilkins had studied his face a little, the greedy half closed eyes and thin mouth would have told their own story, and he would have been more careful in his dealings. Peterson had no work for Wilkins; but he told him that there was plenty of work in the town for a good teamster. If he had a team he could make a good living.

Wilkins went out and invested \$300 in two good horses and a heavy dray. Then he went again to Peterson. They made a bargain for the teaming of the store. It looked like a good bargain for Wilkins. He was to have nine cents for every parcel, package or object which he hauled for Peterson. A written agreement was drawn up and signed by each man, the contract to last one year.

For a time the new teamster hauled the groceries, every package counting for nine cents; but the proprietor took care to sandwich a barrel of flour in between two cakes of soap, so that Wilkins dearly earned every cent he re-ceived at the end of the month.

Then Peterson suddenly sold the store and went into the manufacture of agricultural implements. He still held Wilkins to the terms of the agreement, and things looked dark for

of the agreement, and things looked dark for the teamster. He could carry only one binder and reaper at a time, and 90 cents a day was about all he could earn. But he kept on in his quiet way, and said nothing.

At the end of six months Peterson decided to build a house, and also decided to build it of brick. Three hundred thousand bricks were dumped one day in the freight yard, and Wilkins was ordered to haul them to the site of the new house. He went at it as quietly as he had hauled reapers and binders at nine cents apiece; but the people in the town remarked that the "Yankee seemed to be right good natured about something. Seemed like, he must 'a' had a streak o' good luck." And Wilkins whistled a good deal as he drove his big team.

By the end of the month Wilkins had hauled all of the bricks and done a good deal of mis-cellaneous teaming beside. Then he went one evening to Peterson's house to collect his

cellaneous teaming beside. Then he went one evening to Peterson's house to collect his money.

"How much is it this time, Ezra?" asked the manufacturer, pleasantly.

"Wal, I got it reckoned up pretty careful, I guess," replied the teamster. "There was 40 mowin' machines at nine cents—that's \$3.60; an' 305,000 bricks at the same figger—that's \$27,000, an'—"

"You will have your little joke, Ezra," laughed the manufacturer.

"Joke?" said Ezra. "Wal, I guess this aint no joke—no more'n t'was a joke to haul reapers at nine cents each. This is bnsiness, this is. Got it all in writin', you know, Mr. Peterson."

When Peterson found that the Yankee was really in carnest, and that he had a contract that would hold good in any court, he at first began to bluster and then to beg. Wilkins kept him for a long time on the anxious seat, and finally compromised with him for \$10,000. Peterson gave him his check. He felt like giving him the house too, but brick by brick, one at a time.

The sign that now hangs over the grocery and general store once owned by Peterson now bears the name "Ezra Wilkins, Groceries and General Supplies," and they say that the new owner is sure to be the next mayor.

# IN THE COLORADO ROCKIES.

By J. G. KELLO.

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WAS engaged in mining in the mountains of Colorado at an elevation of 9,000 feet above sca-level. There were five of us living in a

rude cabin on a broad level plateau and among the grandest sce n e r y in the Rocky mountains. There were

only a few

in Colorado, and the country was full of all sorts of

game. One of our mines was situated about six miles up the mountains from the home cabin; and one bright day in March I walked up to it to do some necessary work. I finished just at dark and started back.

It was a glorious night. The vanished sun had left a flush of gold and scarlet in the western sky and reflected on the snowy mountains made a light that was indescribably weird and awesome. The petty details of the landscape were obscured and toned down while the masses of mountain, plain and forest came out in infinite grandeur. The air was singularly soft and warm and the snow had melted enough during the day so that one's footsteps made sound. It was intensely still. Only the stream that ran down the mountain half a mile away broke the silence with a soft sighing that was in accord with the peace and loveliness of the night.

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It seemed to me as if these wild solitudes were the glad places of the earth and that only in the haunts of men were cruelty and wrong. But I was suddenly startled by a loud breathing directly behind me. Looking hastily back I was horrified to see not ten feet away a monstrous wolf, with bristing hair, and afterce eyes, glowing like fire out of their cavernous depths. Such a grisly monster I never saw before or since. He was turned sideways towards me and glared now at me and then at something in the shadow of a wood to the left of the road.

Looking in that direction I saw a mountain lion coming out of the shadow, lashing his tail and swaying his body in an indescribably wicked way. He was a magnificent specimen and was of a dark tawny hue with great black stripes, I had scarcely got a good view of him when I discovered two more lions advancing from a little farther up. I hastily turned to move down the road when to my extreme horror and dismay two more lions stood in the road not a dozen yards away. All this time the wolf seemed in a perfect ecstacy of terror and rage, he uttered low growls, and gnashed his teeth, showing the blood-red lips in a fearful manner. For an instant I was rooted to the spot, the wolf kept edging closer to me, but seemed to direct all his rage at the lions who were advancing slowly, but with a feroclous determination. I had no weapon of any kind, not even a pocket-knife, and not a stick or stone within reach. Just back of me was a hut built of pine boughs and thatched with the long mountain grass. We had used it when hauling ore from the mine and also had camped there when cutting timber. It had a large rough stone fireplace and I remembered that I had left it full of pine knots and dry grass. I backed off towards this hut, waving my hat to keep off the wolf. I saw one of the lions below in the road pawing the following him with it. With a

there like screams, and with the deep growls of the wolf making a noise that might appall the stoutest heart.

For a moment they hesitated, then with a shrill cry the black lion sprang upon the wolf, who dashed into the hut, frightened and furious. I caught up a large branch that flared to the roof and thrust it with all my might in his face. He sprang over the lion into the road. I dashed the burning stick into the open mouth of the lion, and with a shrill scream he bounded back across the road, the other lions with him. Here they stopped and howled and gnashed their leeth as if frantic with rage. I expected to see the wolf escape into the brush, but instead he turned and howled louder than the others. In a minute I saw that they were going to make a united charge on the hut, concentrating their whole rage on me. They turned slowly but deliberately back, and came with bristling hair, glaring eyes, and snapping jaws. I saw that the roof of my hut was after and I knew that in a moment more the whole thing would be down on my head. I was appalled, was there no escape? Suddenly I noticed a hole big enough for a man to get through in one side of the hut, and just as with a united cry the pack charged into the room I threw a pile of blazing branches in their faces and sprang headforemost through the hole. And just in time, for the big lion dropped within six inches of where I had stood, then the whole structure came down in a mass of flames. I fell, partly stunned, into a drift of snow. But no words can describe the pandemonium that ensued.

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There were shrill unearthly screams, yells and growls and the fire was flying in every direction. It seemed as if for a moment they were tearing each other to pieces, but only for an instant; for dashing the glowing boards to right and left the whole pack stampeded into the thick brush and I could hear them crashing through it for half a mile. I did not wait to listen but as soon as I could extricate myself from my drift of snow and a brush pile I hastened home, and only after I got there did I become aware of a hole as big as my hat burnt through my coat, yest and shirt and into my back. My hands also were severely burned, but I had not felt it in the intense excitement. An old hunter told me, that it was lucky for me that I did not have a gun, for if I had shot one of them the rest would have torn me to pieces. Fire was about the only thing that would cow them when ravenous with hunger as they evidently were to attack as they did.

However, after that experience I always carried a weapon, and I realized that the solitudes are as full of cruelty as the world of men.

# CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE

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ENTIRE country was shocked a few months ago by the news, flashed over in every direction, of the brutal murder in mid-day of a man

mind-day of a man and his wife, worthy citizens of the city of Fall River, Massachusetts. The house in which the crime was committed was in a frequented street, and there were neighbors on every side.

As far as known Mr. and Mrs. Borden had no enemies, nothing was taken from the house nor from the persons of the victims, so robbery could not have been the motive. No one was seen to enter or leave the house, and no outcry was heard. Besides the murdered man and woman there were two other persons in the house, or on the premises at the time the crime was committed. One was the daughter of the house, the other the servant.

Clearly somebody must be concerned, and as the nearest one at hand the authorities arrested the daughter, a young woman who had always stood well in the community, was an earnest worker in the church and in white ribbon circles, was charitable and kindly to the poor, and had no taint of scandal

over her name. She is at present waiting trial, held by a chain of circumstantial evidence so slight, that her trial has been postponed until more might be obtained. Those who know her best do not believe her

tained. Those who know her best do not believe her guilty, yet if she fails to prove her innocence she must answer to the law, even though she did not commit the crime.

This is by no means an isolated case. Many others might be cited, but only one will be presented, which will serve to show how careful those persons should be who have a man's life in their hands, lest they commit a terrible wrong, and punish the innocent for the guilty.

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More than fifty years ago, the inhabitants of Alexandria, La., were thrown into a state of intense excitement by a mysterious murder, which took place in that town. Charles Benson, a promising young lawyer, was found murdered, at the foot of a stair-case, leading from the street to a carpenter's shop, owned and occupied by two brothers. Sam and Jack Lane. There was evidence of a struggle, yet strange to say the watch, ring, and pocketbook belonging to the dead man, were found upon the body.

The news spread like wildfire; great was the surprise of the community when the Lane brothers were accused of the crime. Proof conclusive of their guilt was found in the bloody tracks that marked each step of the stairway—the tracks of a bare foot traced in blood. The assertion that they were the guilty parties recalled the memory of a slight feeling of dislike entertained towards the murdered man, by Sam and Jack Lane, arising out of a trifling law-suit in which they were interested. Charles Benson had been counsel for the plaintiff, and the case was decided in his favor. The excitement in the little town was intense. But one desire actuated the people—to punish the murderers. The shop was surrounded by excited people, thorough search was made and both brothers, protesting their innocence, were lodged in Jail, to await their trial, on the charge of wilful murder. Public feeling was strong against them, and the people had but little sympathy in the struggle of the two young men seeking to prove themselves guiltless. The trial lasted for many days; the best counsel that could be obtained was employed for both sides. It was proved that the brothers often worked after nightfall, and were seen to enter the shop on this particular night. Being allowed to speak, Sam Lane testified that on the night in question,

dead?
This is not fiction, but a true story; its tragedy and sorrow were the experiences of real life, at the place named, more than fifty-seven years ago.

# Smokers and Their Pipes. WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.

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PIPE smoking in this country originated with the Indians, who have left behind them traces of rudely carved stone pipes, which have been discovered buried in the various Indian mounds throughout the country. These pipes were of odd shapes, resembling animals and birds. The pipes of the present day are of the most wonderful variety, probably the best known forms being the clay, brier-wood and meerschaum. The first two are products of Englaid, largely, while the third is found in the Mediterranean countries. The clay pipe is made by first rolling the soft clay with a wire inserted in the centre; on the end of this stem is placed a solid piece of clay; then the pipe is kiln-dried, the wire withdrawn and the bowl cut out by machinery. The brier-wood pipe is made from the roots of the brier bush. Meerschaum, meaning seafoam, is made from the chalk-like clay found on the shores of Spain and other Mediterranean countries. Utmost care and delicacy have to be used in the handling of meerschaum, owing to its soft and brittle qualities. It is capable of fine coloring, owing to its great proosity; the delicate brown shades and tints can be brought out more distinctly by putting he pipe in boiling wax.

The Germans are great smokers, and their favorite pipe is a long weischel wood stem with a handpainted porcelain bowl; the mouthpiece is of horn or rubber and connected with the stem by a flexible tubing. In German families of importance, pipes are often handed down from father to son as heirlooms, and are regarded as precious possessions.

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is a pipe of such importance in the
courts of princes, that a special officer is appointed to take care of it,
and present the mouth-piece to his
master for smoking. It consists of
an elaborate vessel for holding water, with the
tobacco bowl placed in the top, from which a glass
tube runs down into the water. From the neck of
the vessel comes the smoking tube, which opens into
the air space above the water. When the air in the
vessel is exhausted the outside pressure forces the
smoke down through the water, through which it
bubbles up and is drawn
out through the tube into
the smoker's mouth.
Another form of "Hookah,"
called the "Narghileh," is
used in Arabia; in the form
of a letter V with a reed for
a mouthpiece, a nd the
water held in a cocoanut
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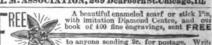
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### KNITTING AND CROCHETTING.



NE of the most fascinating employments in the world is

the world is knitting.

It is so restful and quieting. One can think out the hardest problems which face her, turn back in me mory to a pleasant past, or look forward in anticipation to a happy future, all to the click of the needles, and the slipping of the threat herough the fingers.

through the fingers.

I take knitting for a nerve medicine. It is much pleasanter than valerian, and stuff of that kind, and does soothe tired, worn nerves, such as every woman gets occasionally.

The pretty bits of silk, or of fine woollen, that usually find their way to the rag bag, may be utilized by the busy knitter, and with very good results.

Out the pieces into lengths about a quarter of an inch wide, and sew them together as you would woollen pieces if you were going to braid a rug, or make a rag carpet.

Never mind assorting colors, put them to-

Never mind assorting colors, put them to-gether helter-skelter, to get a variegated effect. Roll the silk thus prepared into balls, and put aside until you have a sufficient quantity for the work you have in hand.



It is very good "catch up" work also, as there is no counting of stitches, and you can begin where you left off without any worry about the

There are so many things that can be made by knitting, that all we can do is to say that other suggestions will follow in later numbers of Compost.

Among the articles that will be given later will be silk stockings for men and women, and various fancy designs for mittens, and several pretty lace patterns.

CROCHETTED ORNAMENT.

This handsome figure This handsome figure is designed as a trimming for ladies dresses. It may be used separately to ornament portions of the dress, or several may be joined together to form a passementerie. It should be closely worked with suitable needle, and when finished the effect will be very rich.

Trimmings made in this way have a great

needle, and when finished the effect will be very rich.

Trimmings made in this way have a great advantage over those purchased in the stores, except, of course, the most expensive ones, since the material used is so much nicer, those on sale being usually made of a cotton thinly coated with silk. The more expensive ones are pure silk, but their cost is far beyond that of the home-made trimming. These retain their beauty and color longer than any garment, and may be removed and used again.

The best silk to use is the Corticelli purse silk, size E. E. and a No. 1 Star Crochet Needle.

The work on this figure begins at the point where the lower end of the stem is attached to the picot edge of the leaf on the right, and ends in the same place.

Chain 40, turn, and counting back, do 1 single into the 9th stitch, 3 chain, 1 single into each of the 13th, 14th, and 15th stitches, chain 6; now turn the work so that the lower part comes at the top, and ignoring for the present the remaining 25 stitches of foundation, do 1 double into the 2nd stitch of the first curve, chain 4, 1 double into the 2nd stitch of the next curve, chain 6, 1 double by the side of the last double, chain 4, 1 single into the 6th stitch of the same curve, chain 4, 1 double into the 2nd stitch of the next curve, chain 6, 1 single into the last of the chain 4, 1 for the large lower curve (the inner edge of the leaf stem) do 40 singles around each of the chain 4, for the large lower curve (the inner edge of the leaf stem) do 40 singles around the 25 chain of the foundation; turn and do 1 single into each of the safe stem) do 40 singles around the back vein of each; continue around the leaf doing 1 single into each of the next 28 stitches; turn, 1 single into each of the next 28 stitches; turn, 1 single into each of the next 28 stitches; turn, 1 single into each of the next 28 stitches; turn, 1 single into the next 29 stitches, 2 singles into the 30th stitch, 1 single into each of the next 25 stitches, always inserting the hook into the back vein of

an high wind, and sew throm owerer any on owerer any on owere any on ower any of the period a rug, or make a range carpet.

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The pretty belt here given is not only used for a tennis belt, but for wear with any of with any o the blouse and shir

and shirt.
waists that
will be quite as stylish this summer, as they
have been during the two seasons past.
Of course the length of a belt varies with the
size of the person wearing it, but two balls of
No. 300 of the silk named will make one 30

inches long. If it is shorter, less silk will do, if larger it will take more. A No. 1 needle like that used for the passementeric, is required.

The pattern is worked in rows, in the width. For the first row chain 40.

Second row, turn, and counting back do 1 double into the 5th and each succeeding stitch of the chain.

Third row, turn, chain 4, \* do 4 doubles (under both veins, and between the 4th and 5th, stitches of the previous row), repeat from \* between the 8th and 9th, the 12th and 13th, the 16th and 17th, the 20th and 2st, the 2th and 25th, the 2sth and 29th, the 32nd and 33rd, 36th and 37th.

Fourth row, turn, chain 4, do 5 doubles into the space between each group of 4 stitches in preceeding row.

Fith and following rows same as fourth.

When it is finished, line it with satin ribbon and put a pretty buckle or clasp on to it. Or if you prefer, fasten it with hooks and eyes, and put a bow or rosette of the ribbon on the front. Or it may be fastened with two or three strong silver pins with knotted heads, such as girls like to wear, and of which they usually posses three or four.

### CROCHETTED SILK GARTER.

Any color may be used for these clastics, which are suitable for garters for hose, or to hold the sleeves of gentlemen's shirts. A very pretty gift to a gentleman is a double set of these arm bands. One pair in yellow or crimson, or a ny pretty dark shade for day wear, and the set of t



crimson, or any pretty dark shade for day wear, and the other of white, to wear with a dress suit in the evening.

They are very easily made.

One ball of silk, the same as that used in the belt, is sufficient for a pair. You will also want a piece of silk elastic ribbon, long enough for the two bands, ribbon enough for two bows, and a crochet needle like that used for the belt.

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Begin with a foundation chain of 24 stitches, and work the width in rows.

First row, turn, and counting back, do I single into the 5th stitch of the chain, 8 doubles into the circle thus formed, 2 doubles into the 6th stitch of the foundation, chain 1, 2 doubles into the 7th stitch, chain 15, 2 doubles into the 22nd stitch, chain 1, 2 doubles into the 22nd stitch, chain 1, 2 doubles into the 22nd stitch, chain 1, 2 doubles into space formed by chain 4, 2 doubles into space formed by chain 1 between doubles of previous row, chain 1, 2 doubles into same space, chain 15, 2 doubles into space formed by chain 1, 2 doubles into same space, chain 15, 2 doubles into space formed by chain 1, 2 doubles into same space, chain 4, 1 single into double last formed.

Third row, turn, 8 doubles into space formed by chain 1, 2 doubles into same space, chain 8, catch up, in forming the 9th chain, the chain 15 of 2 last rows, chain 6, 2 doubles into space formed by chain 1 of previous row, chain 1, 2 double into same space, chain 8, catch up, in forming the 9th chain, the chain 15 of 2 last rows, chain 6, 2 doubles into space formed by chain 1 of previous row, chain 1, 2 doubles into same space, chain 4, 1 single into double last formed.

The rest of the work is but a repetition of the foregoing rows, and can be readily followed by the engraving.

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Insert the elastic ribbon, sew on the bows, and it is complete.

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Attention is called especially to the prize an-

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BY ELIZABETH SARGENT CURTIS.

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TOLD you last month that I should talk TOLD you last month that I should talk about Macaroni this time.

This is an edible that I do not think is sufficiently well known, or rather is not in such common use as it should be.

It is not expensive, hence it cannot be classed among the luxuries; it will keep a long time, so when one lives far from the supply store it may be bought in quantity.

This method of buying is an economy.

This method of buy-ing is an economy, since it costs less when purchased by the box, than when only a pound package is bought.

For my own family, I use the spaghetti, which is a small macaroni, but larger than vermicelli.

vermicelli.

If I bought the spaghetti by the pound, it would cost from fourteen to sixteen cents; but I buy a box which holds twenty-five pound it, as you will see by performing a very simple cents a pound. Ocrtainly the difference is well worth saving.

Then there is the convenience of having it in the house. You are always ready for an emergency. Used by itself it is fine as a vegetable, and with tomato and cheese, it makes a course at dinner, or at inchess.

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A great many physicians order it used in place of potatoes, especially in the spring, when the potatoes are old, and, as some believe, unwholesome.

That is a question which I do not propose to raise bere for discussion. But I will say, that the maccaroni or spaghettl properly prepared, is much more delicate and palatable than potato, and on my own table, it often takes the place of that vegetable, particularly during the spring months, when, unless you are so fortunate as to raise them yourself, potatoes are scarce, high-priced, and not very good.

Macaroni, spaghettl and vermicelli, are thick pastes made from wheat flour and water. They are given their different shapes by being forced through boles in metallic plates. These plates are arranged ever a fire, and as the paste comes through, it is partially baked, then the long stender wheaten pipes are hung over rods to dry.

It is made in Italy, where it is a favorite food. The smallest of the wheaten pipes is scarcely more than a soarse thread, and is called vermicelli; this is used in soups and puddings.

The largest of the pipes is the macaroni, and the medium is spaghetti.

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There are two things which should be remembered in using these articles of food.

First, they should never be washed, as they will soften under the process, and the boiling water will remove anythings that must be taken off, during the cooking.

Second, always cook it in an abundance of boiling, salted water, until it is tender, before serving it in any way. Then drain it, and pour cold water over it, to prevent it becoming pasty. It should be kept firm to be palatable.

The simplest way of serving macaroni is to break it into three-inch pieces, using a quarter of a pound for a family of five. Put this to boil in at least two quarts of boiling, salted water. Cook until soft, which will be in twenty minutes, or half an hour, at the longest.

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Drain it, and rinse it with clear water, but do not chill it. Put it into a hot vegetable dish, season with butter and salt, and pour over it half a cup of hot milb. Serve at once.

Another way, which many people prefer, is this. Boil and drain the macaroni as above. Put the pleees of maccaroni into a shallow earthen baking dish which hias been well buttered, and cover with white sauce. Mix with the macaroni, before adding the sauce, quarter of a cup of dry cheese, grated fine. Parmesan cheese is the best, I think, but if you do not have it, any domestic cheese, except sage, will do. Mix two-thirds of a cup of fine cracker crumbs with another quarter of a cup of grated cheese, and a third of a cup of melted butter, and sprinkle over the top. Put into the oven and bake until the crumbs are brown.

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If the cheese is objectionable to any one it may be emitted, but it certainly gives a most delightful flavor to the dish. Those who like the cheese flavor very much use still more with the macaroni, and then add a dash of cayenne pepper to give it zest, and also to prevent it from giving indigestion.

I am going now to give you a receipt that was given me by a friend who lived for many years in Florence, Italy, and who prepared the dish for me the first time I ever tasted it.

"Don't you want to come to a real Italian dinner to-morrow night," she wrote me. "Salvini is coming, and one or two other Italians, and I want two good Americans like you and your husband to keep me in countenance."

It is needless to say I did want to, and it was there I first tasted "Spaghetti a la Italienne."

I begged for the receipt, and ever since, this has been a frequent dish on the home table. Now I am going to give it to you.

Boil one pound of spaghetti in a deep broad-mouthed kettle of boiling, salted water. Do not break the spaghetti, but take a handful of the long sticks and plunge the ends into the rapidly boiling water; as they soften coil the spaghetti in the water by degrees, until all is in. Boil until tender, then drain and rinse. Have ready a large sized deep platter into which has been poured five spoonstul of olive oil, or melted butter, as the taste dictates. The Italians always use the oil, but as so many Americang do not like it, butter may be used although, when oil is obtainable, it is considered preferable.

With a salad spoon and fork or any wooden spoon which is better for the purpose than metal, mix the spaghetti and oil well together, then pour over it lently of tomato sauce, sprinkle grated cheese on the top and serve at once.

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To make the tomato sauce, take a quart can of tomatoes, or the equivalent in fresh ones, and put over to cook, adding one scant tablespoonful of granulated sugar, one teaspoonful of salt, a little pepper, and a dash of cayenne. While this is heating melt two tablespoonsful of butter in a saucepan and cook in it a tablespoonful of minced onion, tak-

ing care not to burn it. When the onion is yellow add two tablespoonsful of corn starch and cook about five minutes, stirring all the while. Then stir the mixture with the tomato, which should be bolling by this time. Cook ten minutes, stirring to blend the thickening well, and prevent scorching, then strain and pour over the spaghetti. It there are any who do not like the cheese, it may be omitted, and passed around in a separate dish for those who do like it.

This dish is often used to take the place of a soup course, or it is the principal dish for luncheon, with bread and butter, tea, codee or chocolate, and some simple sweet after it.

As Petroleum Nasby used to say, it is both "frugal and fillin," and I add—this is the testimony of hundreds of guests who have partsken of it—"it is delicious." Try it, some of you COMPORT housekeepers, and let me know how you like it.

Spaghetti may be used as a border for boof a la mode, and thus add ornament to a dish.

Does the

Does the name beef ala mode frighten you?

We ll don't let it, for I assure you it is a ver y simple a ff a i r, and when you have once tried it, you will repeat it, for it is delicious, inexpensive, and nutritious.

Selectapiece of beef from the under side of the round, that cheap but juicy portion, that cannot be uned for steaks, and yet that has the finest flavor of any portion of the animal.

The picce should be as nearly square as possible, and from five to eight or nine pounds, according to the fam.

p o u n d s, according to the size of the family.

Wipe it well, with a damp cloth, and tie it into shape.

Take a wide-bottomed, deep kettle, for cooking it in. Cut three slices of at salt pork into dice, and try out slowly in the kettle, crisping the pork and drawing the fat out, but not burning it. When you have the fat well extracted, skim out the pieces of pork. Have ready one small carrot, or half a large one, and one good sized onlon cut into amall pieces. Put them in the fat and brown them carefully; then skim them out, but do not throw them away. Put your meat into the seasoned fat, and brown every side, to sear the surface, and keep the juices in. When each side is browned, cover the meat with boiling water, add the browned, carrot and onion, also a like amount of each that has not been browned, salt to taste, add a bit of cayenne pepper, as much as you can take on the point of a penknife, and two tablespoonsful of vinegar. Set where it will simmer slowly for four or five hours. Watch to see that the water does not boil away, and replenish if it does. About half an hour before serving time, take the meat out and set it in the oven to brown. Thicken the gravy with flour, add a cup of stewed tomato, or tomato sauce; put the meat on a large platter, surround with a border of plain boiled spaghetti, and pour the gravy over the whole.

The meat may be served a second time by warming in the oven, surrounded with a border of mashed potato, and serving the gravy in another dish. Or it may be sliced thin and warmed in the gravy, or simply warmed in slices and served with tomato sauce poured over it.

Shoulder of mutton may be stuffed and cooked in the same manner with the spaghetti border.

The work of this dish comes in the first half hour, after that there is nothing to do but watch it, until it is ready to brown in the oven and have the gravy thickened.

As a change, you may use a can of mushrooms in place of the tomato. This makes a most delicious addition.

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Now don't let beef a la mode frighten you any

I once had a cook come to me, and after she had been with me about a month she said one day, "Mrs. Curtis, you don't know how I dreaded to come to live with you."

Curtis, you don't know how I dreaded to come to live with you."
"Why was that," I asked, "was my reputation as a mistress so bad as that?"
"Oh! no ma'am," was her vehement rejoinder, "but I had heard of the fancy dishes you had, beef a la mode and Italian macaroni, and I dreaded it so. But I'm glad I came, for I've learned so much, and the hardest part of all these things was their name." And that is very likely to be the way.

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### A SALEM WITCH.

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HE men all called her the Salem Witch. By all odds, the handsomest girl at Bar Harbor last summer was Dorothy Saltenstall. straight as an arrow; her fine dark eyes shaded by heavy black lashes and brows; the rich olive of her complexion; beautifully moulded lips; a

youthful, lissome figure; all these combined to make her a young woman to turn the head of any ordinary man. But there was an added fascination to her list of attractions in the slight element of surprise with which one looked upon her. The heavy crown of hair above her fresh young face was snow-white.

The young men went wild over her from the begin ning The old ones looked critically at her and fell to discussing the charms of her grandmother, Madame Gardiner, and saying that after all Miss Dorothy was even more lovely. While the middle-aged, the married, settled, stay-at-home men like me well, we were out of the running, or we, too, should have lost our heads

Miss Saltenstall was a wealthy heiress from Salem —the old Salem where they once hung a woman as a witch, and that is why among ourselves we fell to characterizing her as the "Salem Witch." Certainly she bewitched more men and that more effectively that summer than any old woman who lived in Salem two hundred years ago ever did.

It was not much chance that I got to talk with Miss Dorothy when the young men were around; but my opportunity came at last, one morning, when a party were going to climb Newport mountain, and Mrs. Chumley insisted that I go. Stout, middle-aged men do not climb mountains for pleasure, as a rule; but this party had been made up among the Crœsuses and the Richfellers and the Vanderwaters; and Mrs. Chumley (to basely reveal the truth) had felt so flat-tered when they had asked her to take the two re-maining seats on the buck-board that she had ac-cepted for both of us, without consulting her better half.



THE SALEM WITCH.

We were about halfway up the mountain when a smooth, mellow voice spoke my name.

"O, Mr. Chumley, do you mind loaning me that strap I see hanging from your side pocket? I want to fasten this wrap to my waist. It is such a nuisance otherwise."

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ers those little attentions which most girls exact as their due.

I cheerfully produced the strap to my field-glasses, and soon had the pleasure of seeing it clasp firmly her waist, hugging the London wrap most tightly.

During this process the remainder of the party clambered on ahead and thus Miss Dorothy and I were left by ourselves. I found her a charming conversationalist, and evidently much at her ease; realizing, no doubt, the difference between a set of callow young fellows and a man of sense and judgment and mature—but not too mature—years.

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My opportunity came when I was least prepared for it. In fact, I found her so delightfully entertaining that I had forgotten my vow, when the chance to unravel the mystery suddenly presented itself.

We were almost at the top of old Newport. We had been talking—or sh had—of the delights of sylvan life, and a simple, natural existence, when suddenly she said:

"What if we were to get lost here, Mr. Chumley? Did you ever think of it? I do not see the others ahead. Suppose we were off the path and were to stray away into the woods and circle around the mountain as I have read of others doing. I suppose we should starve."

"I suppose you would be frightened to death," I replied rather ungallantly. "As for me, I should look for the nearest streamlet and follow it down to the shore."

"Frightened to death!" she echoed, not relishing my speech. "Frightened? Well, I would like to get frightened once just to know how it seems!"

"What! Do you mean to say you don't know? Have you never been frightened?" and unconsciously my eyes rested on her hair.

She looked curiously at me an instant and then her eyes twinkled.

"O, yes, yes. Once, to be sure," she began. "Mr. Chumley, I was frightened nearly out of my senses once. O, terribly! Do you mind my telling you?"

Mind? Was I to know the secret of her whitened hair? Hitherto she had avoided the subject. No one had been able to get her to speak of her hair. Was I to be her confidante? Well, girls do like sensible men after all, better than prattling boys.

"You know papa and I were three years in France. Go slow, so I can finish my story before we come up with the others, please. I was studying at a convent school in the south of France; and papa was writing his 'Confessions of a Theosophist.' When I finished school, papa proposed a little trip into the Pyrenges. It was very interesting. We traveled quite by ourselves, an

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"It was a pretty rough-looking place. Several dark, foreign-looking men lounged about the door as we alighted, and I really shivered when we entered the crumbling old portals.

"Papa took some quaint old rooms on the second floor—the best in the house—and we had supper served up there. Then he fell to note-making and I felt sleepy; so I excused myself and went off to bed.

"Before I went, I had such a strange presentiment. I had not kissed papa good-night since I was a little girl; but that night I felt so oppressed with the shadow of coming danger, that I went over and kissed him, astonishing the poor dear so that he could hardly say 'good-night.' Then I went to my own room on the opposite side of our little parlor. It was a curious place. The side nearest papa seemed to be made up of sliding panels. I studied a while on it and even tried it quite thoroughly, expecting to find secret compartments and all the other architectural mysteries of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, But I found nothing and finally went to bed, nervous and trembling.

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mysteries of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. But I found nothing and finally went to bed, nervous and trembling.

"I had not been in bed very long when I suddenly became aware that those mysterious panels were moving silently and slow. Between their widening reacks I saw light which grew brighter and broader. Then, oh, horrors! such a vision!"

"Miss Baltenstall," I said, for I saw that even now the remembrance affected her most unpleasantly, "do not finish the story if it troubles you so."

"I must tell now that I have begun," she went on recklessly. "I ought not to have called up the horrible vision. But now, oh, I can live it over, here! The body of a young man—a fair, boyish fellow. The body of a young man—a fair, boyish fellow. The half was matted with blood. On the pale, cold face were purple clots. He had evidently been murdered, tremembered paps in the next room. I started up. No! I was secured to the bed—chained down! Then the woblack-looking men came in. One of them said, we might as well bring him in here. If the girl iscreams we will make her the third."

"Papa! It was papa they were talking of."

"My dear girl," I began, for I saw that the recolection was almost more than she could bear, "I beg of you, do not go on."

She stood erect, tense, white, looking straight thead.

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"I knew they had me in their power. But although knew it might cost me my life, I resolved to raise e house. I tried to scream and fainted." I thought she would faint again, she was so white, made a move to support her. Was there no water sar?

I made a move to support her. Was there no water near?

"Wait until you are calmer," I argued.

"There is but a little more," she gasped, eager to finish the terrible picture. "When I opened my eyes again papa was rubbing my forehead. 'Well, well, you've got the real Martin nightmare, haven't you? Your mother used to have it just so. It was the heavy supper so soon before retiring."

Miss Saltenstall started up the clift.
"And that," I gasped, hurrying after her, "that night of terror explains your prematurely white hair?"
"Oh, no," she said, sweetly looking down at me with her artless expression. "That was done by a hair-dresser in Paris only a year ago. And a pretty sum it cost me, too. And didn't papa rave? Come, Mr. Chumley, I see the others just over that boulder, And here we are at the top. But, really, Mr. Chumley, do you think I am the sort of girl that could be frightened to death?"

And then Mrs. Chumley descended upon us.

# ODDITIES.

A girl recently died in Chicago who weighed within a few ounces of 600 lbs.

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The largest brewery in the world, located in Milwaukee, has a total capacity of 2,000,000 barrels a year.

In several of the large cities base-bell and similar games were played under cover during the winter, and at night by electric light.

Captains of ships are commonly supposed to be able to lawfully marry couples, but the ceremony so performed is of very doubtful legality.

Orienta, swords and daggers are frequently poisoned by steeping them in decayed human blood—one of the most deadly poisons known to science.

Last fall a middle-aged man, found dead in Con-

Last fall a middle-aged man, found dead in Con-necticut, was only identified by a large number of small scars upon his legs, caused by the most peculiar custom of sticking pins into them to keep his stock-ings up.

ings up.

A German who wished to be naturalized recently, in New York State, gave his name as James Fielding, baker. The clerk put him down as: James Fielding Baker, and he will be obliged to go to court in order to get his real name back.

Every veteran who lost a limb in the war, gets a new one, or the money value thereof, every three years. There are only two men upon the list who lost both arms and both legs and lived for any length of time.

The shortest burial service on record was per-formed in France recently. The deputy mayor of a town in that country stepped to the side of the coffin. town in that country stepped to the side of the coffin, uncovered his head and said: "Citizen Mori, in the name of the law, we bury you."

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Two New York men went to New Haven and hired a store which had been recently occupied by a dime museum. At 8 o'clock in the evening one of the men came out on the sidewalk and did the shouting, proclaiming all sorts of curiosities on exhibition within, while the other took the admission fees. When about three hundred people had collected they commenced to clamor for the performance to begin. Just as a policeman entered to ascertain the cause of the disturbance, the two fakirs made their escape through the rear window, while the deluded pleasure seekers howled for revenge. the rear window, wh howled for revenge.

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HOPE none of you will be mis-led by the rumors which are going about regarding the return of the hoop skirt.

Just now both dressmakers and the papers that are devoted exclusively to fashion, are having a warm dispute, while "it is," and "it isn"t," are candied back and forth, very much

bandied back and forth, very much in the style of those queer little insects which make the Autumn winds fairly shrill with their cries of "Katydid" and "Katydid"." In the meantime the women and write in the style of the style In the meantime the women, not only in America ut in England and France, are waiting the result rith apprehension, not to say terror, and the men re in a state of amusement over the affair.

All this seems to me very absurd.

If the women, instead of being afraid they had got to come back to this hideous fashlon, would simply say that they wouldn't, that would end the matter at

But this solution of the vexed question does not seem to have entered the minds of any but the few.

Worth, who is considered the high authority, declares that the fashion will not return, and, moreover, that the cashion will not return, and moreover, that the agitation did not start in Paris, but in London, and that more is heard of it in England than in France.

He pays a high compliment to the American women, when he says that he does not think they can be induced to receive this fashion again, and I cer-tainly hope that they merit his good opinion of their sense.

Still, one thing is true.

Skirts this Spring are very much wider than they havebeen before in a long time, measuring about the foot from four and a half, to five and sides are gored, and so cut that they fare out in the bottom away from the feet. This flaring effect is given by crinoline cutth the stiff e st kind, which is placed nearly half the depth of the skirt. This holds it out in the favorite bell

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Narrower crinoline is used in the back, for the graceful folds must not be disturbed, they must only be held away from the feet. The trimmings may vary, and it is said that little flounces, and deep trimmings to the knee are among the features of the not far remote future.

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But in the meantime, all the dresses that are being made at the most fashionable and exclusive houses, for Spring, have only narrow trimmings on the bottom. These may take the form of a narrow right bordered by a puff, a narrow band of velvet with a piping of silk at the top, or one or two rows of gallon, the number depending on the width. Ribbon velvet may be used in the same way, and on the pretty challis and India silks of the later season, satin ribbon will find a place.

As to length of skirts, all dresses that are in-tended for wear out-of-doors, whether for street, or, later, for lawn and garden parties, are made short, that is, they are distinctly short, and clear the ground well at every step.

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There he been so many exhibitions this winter of pretty gowns ruined by dragging through the filth of the streets that women themselves have become diagusted, and have cut off the bedraggled cloth on the bottom of their skirts.

All throwth this turbulent struggle of train or no train on two out-of-door gowns, the well-bred women of every community have arrayed themselves on the negative side.

During the two years in which the contest has been going on, I have never seen one representative of the gouine old families of the city, those who represent, not money alone, but intellect and high breeding, in the street with a gown that dragged on the pavement. I have seen almost every other woman in them, but they wore them with a difference. The eareful, refined woman had here raised by some contrivance so that it did not drag, while other women, bound to show that they "knew what was what," just "the skirts trail along behind them through all the interest of the street with street.



More than More than none man has heen heard to comment on this, and to wonder what the state of the undertothing must be.

There is one thing I wish I might do in this little corner of ours,

this little corner of ours, and that is, to make the women and girls of the large Comfort family understand that finess as much as fashion, is an important factor in good dressing.

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To have a certain material because your neighbor has it, may prove the worst possible reason for having it. It may be suitable for her; it may be anything but suitable for you.

thing but tauitable for you.

For instance, Mrs. A. or Miss Z. buys a gown with a rough surface, a cheviot, or a homespun, or one of the bourette finished stuffs. She is tall and alender, and it is becoming and suitable. Mrs. B. or Miss Y. admires it for its beauty and goes and buys its counterpart. This woman is short and stout. She should wear only smooth faced stuffs, cashmeres, Henriettas, India twills. The rough goods adds to her apparent size, and is not becoming.

Do you see what I mean?

Study yourself, and dreas, not as some one else does, but buy your materials with a view to their fitness and becomingness, and have them made to sait your own figure and style.

Another thing; do not jump at every announcement of a change in fashion, in your desire to be the first to have it. Wait a bit and see if the announcement is based on truth. You can better afford to wait than to make a mistake. And you will soon find out that the more extreme a thing is the less likely it is to be adopted, and the few women, who in their eagerness to 'De stylish' have taken it up, very soon find that they have succeeded only in becoming ridiculous.

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likely it is to be adopted, and the few women, who in their eagerness to "be stylish" have taken it up, very soon find that they have succeeded only in becoming ridiculous.

The sleeves centinue large; indeed, they grow larger, only, instead of standing up from the shoulder, as they have done for so long, they stand out straight, and droop at the elbows.

The chief idea now seems to be, so far as waists are concerned, the effect of long, sloping shoulders. It is made by having deep revers on the walsts that fall back over the shoulders in a deep point, in shape recalling the shawl effect.

In Summer dresses deep line will be put on in the old-fashloned bertha effect, falling very deep, in some cases nearly to the waist. Already the fashions for Spring and Summer dresses, have begun to come in, and they show a tendency to smooth surfaces and to rathe decide coloring.

The best choice in wollen stuffs for nice dresses, that is may be worn all the Spring and on cool days in Summer, is either case in the spring and on cool days in Summer, is either case in the spring and on cool days in Summer, is style, and a woman with a dress of any one of these stuffs on, may feel well-dressed.

They are from 42 to 48 inches in widua, and cost from 76 cents to \$1 a yard. It takes about eight or nine yards to make a dress since the wider skirts and full sleeves have come in, and, for a stout woman, it will take ten yards.

Pretty colors for Spring are the old blues, that is, a soft, dead shade of blue, almost identical with the color of blotting paper, indeed it is known to some dealers as "blotting paper blue," slate color, gray, moss-green and beige in the light shades, and in dark colors, navy blue, tobacco brown, heliotrope and moss green.

Any of these colors are good, and each is sty-

Moss green.

Any of these colors are good, and each is stylish. In choosing a color consider whether it will be whether it will be becoming, then select something that will not easily fade, and that will harmo-nize with what-ever you may have to wear with it.

Individuality in dress is some-thing to be de-sired. You do not want your clothes

want your clothes to be a reflection of the wardrobes of the women all about you. Neither do you want to affect oddity in

dress.
The simple thing
—it is no secret—
is to choose becoming things,
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and have them made by the rules of fashion, adapted to suit your own face and figure.

Next month I shall tell you something about the millinery of the coming Summer.

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The ginghams and satines will be made in very similar fashions to the wool dress. Quite full skirts, with little ruffs of the same on the bottom, belted waists with velvet girdles and collars, and deep berthas of cream guipure lace, full sleeves with velvet bands on the ouffs. The velvet may be omitted and a plain ribbon belt or a . Florence silk crochetted belt like the one described in the "Busy Bee" department, worn in place of the girdle.

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NOVEL, durable vase for a lawn, may be made from common pebbles. Those from the seashore will produce the best effect, but stones from a gravel pit will answer the purpose. I got my idea from the brilliant colors of wet pebbles. I wanted a plant vase for my lawn. Here was material at wanted a plant vase for my lawn. Here was material at wanted a plant vase for my lawn. Here was material at were curiously marked, or stractive. Some were very small, ot hers were of medium size, a few were large. These I broke into small pieces with a hammer. I used a box nearly square in shape because I could find nothing better. Four curved roof-brackets such as are used for supporting the caves of buildings, were frmly screwed on for legs, braced with a crosspiece. The foundation was the style at that time to fiame out in door-yard adornings. I kneaded dry Venetian red into several pounds of putty, precisely as flour is worked into dough. The outside of the box I covered with putty and inserted the stones. Dark ones were used for a background, a design was formed with those that were colored and the smallest pebbles were placed in the empty spaces. Broken stones adhere better than smooth pebbles. I gave the whole a coat of varnish and my vase stood complete.

If I had first varnished or shellaced the stones, the cesult would have been better, for they absorbed he oil from the putty, and lost the colors and the hadings that made them so beautiful.

A layer of stones was placed in the bottom of the war and planted with vines, geraniums, colous, heliotropes, and fuchias. My unique production was a "thing of beauty" all summer, and when frost eame, it was placed in a corner of the parlor, where it was a delight to all beholders, until May breeze showered the grass with apple blossoms.



Encouraged by my success, I had a carpenter make a box ten inches wide inside, seven inches high and of the right length to fit into the window casing. The box was made of unplaned boards, one inch thick, and lined with zine. I bored holes about two inches apart and half an inch deep over the front and ends of the box to hold the putty more securely. The front was divided into sections with dark stones to represent tiles. The sections were filled with a design made with minerals and shells. Only the portion that projects into the room should be ornamented; the part next the glass may be covered with enameled cloth. The box was screwed to the window casing, and a trellis covered with coarse wire netting was placed over it to support smilax, wax plant, and German ivy.

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The width of the box allowed three three-inch pots to stand in a row. Thus many varieties of plants may be grown in a limited space. A small pot forces a plant into bloom. The height of the box was sufficient to put a layer of stones in the bottom and allow an inch above the top of the pots to keep water from spilling over when the plants were moistened.

The pots were filled with rich earth and freshly rooted slips. Sand was put between the pots and over their tops. The room was heated by a coal stove and the window had the morning sun. On frosty nights I slipped a paper between the glass and the plants. They blossomed freely all winter, even the German ivy which I-had never seen in bloom.

# EASTER AND EASTER EGGS.



F all the festivals of the year, the most joyous one is surely Baster. It is the promise of Spring, the prophecy of resurrection. History does not tell when this festival was not commemorated. It was celebrated by the Aryan races as the "Dawn of the Year." It was known to the Magians and Persians, and was honored by them. It was kept by the Jews as the feast of the Passover. And for nearly two thousand years it has celebrated to the Christian Church the resurrection of Christ. Unlike Christma s and other holidays, it is not a fixed festival, falling always upon the same day of the year, but it is a movable feast, and is governed by the moon.

It talls always upon the Sunday which is next after the first full moon which occurs on or after the 22nd of March. Some fosts in the same taster the same to the year, on the 2nd falls as late as the 19th of

22nd of March. Some ears it comes early, as it does this year, on the 2nd ay of April, other years it falls as late as the 19th of pril.

day of April, other years it falls as late as the 18th of April.

The day has many pleasant observances, most of them gathered from the Germans, who have, as a nation, the sweetest and most delightful fashions of keeping feativals, especially those of a domestic sort. These observances have been adopted by this American, or cosmopolitan nation, to which we belong, and which takes to itself the best customs and products of all nations.

At this time the churches, after the quiet and subduedness of the Lenten Beason, break out in blossom. Beautiful lilles decorate the chancel and altar, and the service is one gladsong of triumph. Gifts are

And wee to the unlucky mortal who does not wear something new on that day, for if he does not, the fates will refuse him good luck all the rest of the year; such is the popular supersition.

To the children this is a happy day, with its abundance of beautifully colored eggs, for what would Easter be without these treasures. The German children were led to believe that these beautiful Easter eggs were brought by the rabbits, and one of the features of the day was the egg hunt. The parents put these eggs in the garden, into the boxwood borders or among the greens, and Easter morning the children were set hunting for them.

Such triumph as there was when they were found. This was a pretty and harmless tradition, and so completely did it take possession of the children that in after years, although they knew that it was only a legend to mislead them, they never saw Easter eggs without involuntarily thinking of the rabbit.

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It used to be a difficult matter to color these eggs properly; either chemicals must be used, which involve expense, time and trouble, or the very simplest things were employed, with not such beautiful results. Onion peclings boiled in water, gave a pale yellow, saffron blossoms a deep yellow, and indigo a bright blue. This finished the color list of domestic dyes.

But in these days, there have been inventions, which

make the dying of the eggs the simplest possible matter, and the children of the country are indebted to two Yankee firms for this discovery. The Diamond Easter Dyes of Wells, Richardson & Co. of Burlington, Vt., put up in mail packages costing but a few cents, and containing different colors, will brilliantly dye dozens of eggs. Unique combinations of colors may be effected by exercising a little ingenuity and taste. The Perfection Dyes made by Cushing & Co., Poxeroft, Maine, may also be used for this purpose, with the same satisfactory results. A few seasons ago, one of Comport's editors was in California, at Easter, and he made a glad festival for hundreds of the poor little children, who have been gathered from the docks and wharves, into the Free Kindergartens, where they are cared for by gentle, sweet-faced women, whose lives are a perpetual blessing to their little charges. He bought eggs by the case, and with a few packages of the abovenamed dyes, and with the help of the teachers, colored eggs enough so that each child had a variety. It is not easy to imagine the delight of these little folks, they had never seen anything like it before, and they will surely always associate this season with happiness brought by the kind thought of a dear friend.

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Since the collapse of the French Panama Canal scheme and the exposure of its fraudulent career, a movement is on foot in this country to build the Nicaragua Canal, several hundred miles north of the Panama route, which would be of greater value to the American nation. It would do away with the long and tedious journey around Cape Horn, and also with the inconvenience of crossing the Isthmus, a journey now attended with much discomfort. It would place the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of our country in quick touch, and would open the ports of the East, India, China and Japan, to direct commercial interchange with this country. It would also lessen the rates of transportation between the East and California, and stimulate state interchange between them, thus proving an economy as well as a great convenience. The present movement looks to placing the control of this canal under the American government, a most important thing to do, since England would like nothing better than to control it herself.

Although young, the year '93 already has gone into history as a most remarkable one, in America. The weather has been colder than it has been before for 100 years. Death has claimed one of the greatest statesmen the world has ever seen, one of the most famous and most helpful of clergymen, one of the most conspicuous of the remaining figures of the late civil war, an ex-president, a justice of the supreme court, and one of the most noted social leaders, Mrs. Ex-Secretary Whitney. The United States Government has been called upon to consider a grave international question, the annexation of the Sandwich Islands, and it is the Columbian Year of the World's Fair. During this unusual year Comport will be found ahead of the times and will increase its endeavors, and improve a hundred-fold.

The death of Mr. Blaine, while not unexpected, is nevertheless a great shock and sorrow to the people of the United States, and will be regretted throughout the world. No American of this generation, in civil life, has enloyed such wide-spread reputation. To the pcorle of this country Mr. Blaine has been a political idol, while in all lands his name has been familiar as that of the most prominent of Americans. His long and varied experience in public life and the eminence he had achieved, kept him constantly before the public eye, while the peculiar charm of his personality added extraordinary interest to an uncommonly attractive career. The popular mind demands a hero in political as well as in military life, and Mr. Blaine for twenty years filled that place in the hearts of the people. His orilliant course as a statesman won the love of the great party with which he was identified and which heaped upon him all its honors while his superb diplomacy in the management of the foreign affairs of the government and his uncompromising Americanism compelled the admiration of all fair-minded men, His life contained vicissitudes and trials more than that of most men, and the fortitude and cheerfulness with which he endured political disappointment and domestic grief, drew from the world its warmest sympathy. Seldom has it been the fortune of a man to pass his last years in the possession of such universal esteem.

Mr. Blaine was born in Brownsville, Pa. January 31, 1830. After graduating with high honors at Washington College he taught school for several years. While thus occupied at Georgetown, Ky., he met the young woman who became his wife. After their marriage they removed to Augusta, Maine, where Mr. Blaine became connected with the "Kennebec Journal." He soon entered the Maine legislature, serving as the speaker of the house of representatives In 1862 he was elected to Congress and his career from that time is familiar to all readers As speaker of the National House, as senator secretary of state. he rendered distinguished service, and in 1884 became the Republican candidate for the presidency, being defeated by a very narrow margin. Mr. Blaine adds another to the list of great men who have failed to achieve the height of their ambition. The presidency is the goal for which he reached, but failed to grasp. Such was the power of his personality that he suffered no diminution of his popularity. He was greater than his party, and to his death remained the first citizen of the republic.

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FESTIVALoccurs on he 17th of this month that is celeis brated by the Irish oution in honor of its patron saint, the holy Bishop Patrick. Contrary to the usual habit, the day dedicated to him is that of his death and not of his birth. The story of his life is one of the most interesting in religious history.

About the year 400, the wild Scots made a raid southward, beyond the wall which Severus built to keep them out, into Britain, and among other captives they bore away to their northern fastnesses a mere lad, said to have belonged to a famslavery upon the coast of

captives they bore away to their northern fastic messes a mere lad, said to have belonged to a family of some note.

This youth was yold into slavery upon the coast of Ireland and during his several years of captivity be tended cattle and seems to have received from his master, the name of Succath, but this may have been a name by which he had been known to his kindred. The lad was of an unusually devout and impressionable nature, but his deeply religious temperament did not prevent him from entertaining, like all other captives, the idea of escape, and he finally succeeded in reaching an Irish seaport and returned to his kindred among the Britons. The superstition and barbarism he had witnessed seems to have thoroughly imbued him with the noble resolve of devoting his life to the converting and Christianizing of the savage Irish and despite the pleadings of his relatives not to again venture away from them, after his past experiences, he actively and resolutely set about preparing himself for his life-work. He entered some religious institution, the exact locality of which is in some dispute, for this preliminary fitting and training; but he speaks of most remarkable visions which came to him from time to time, urging him to persevere in his noble purpose and at about the age of thirty he returned as a priest, to Ireland. His method of procedure was to first win over to the belief of Christianity the chiefs of the various tribes and clans, and thus gain the good-will and respectful attention of their followers.

So remarkable was his success that, during his labors of about 45 years, practically the whole population was Christianized

One reason for the general indefiniteness of knowledge concerning him, is the fact that his Latin name, Patricius, means patrician or "of noble family," and was commonly added to the names of prominent Romans in much the same manner that Esquire is used with us, to-day.

He was made a bishop, and after his death was canonized as a saint, by the Roman Church. During his lifetime h

# FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

A woman has been appointed assistant sergeant at rms in the Arkansas legislature.

A man in the New York post-office went to a fair a year ago and was persuaded by a young lady of his acquaintance to buy a ticket for a cradle, which was to be disposed of by raffle. The young bachelor was unfortunate enough to win it, but in spite of the jokes at his expense, he courageously took it home. A little while ago he married the girl who sold him the ticket.

People who live in the country and who, following the fashion of their forefathers and mothers, "do their own work," can scarcely realize the straits city people are in, to get competent help. American girls, in particular, seem to have the greatest aver-sion for domestic service, preferring to work in stores or factories at even less wages, counting the sums

they must expend for board and lodging. This is the result of false pride, and also of a change in the conditions which prevailed when the "help" was a neighbor's daughter and the "hired man" was the eldest son of the girl you used to go to school with, and when everybody sat down to the same table. The modern girl wants her evenings free, wants to be with companions for gossip, and where she can see something of the life that is going on about her, and she wants to have definite hours of labor. So domestic service gets poorer and poorer, the wages steadily increase, and the places are filled by foreigners.

### BEAUTIES OF THE TROPICS.

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HIS is not the three-ball sign of the pawnbroker which is familiar to the residents of large cities, but it is a group of green cocoanuts, as they appear hanging from the trees.

One of the first unusual sights which attracts the attention of the visitor to the tropics is the peculiar, grace ful palms, bearing these nuts in such profusion. HIS is not the three-

These reach the height of our northern forest trees, and are leafless to the

tree.

These reach the height of our trees, and are leafless to the very top, where the foliage spreads out in long branches on which hang clusters of this mammoth nut.

Still another species is the bush like palm with long farreaching branches resembling our, hot-house palms. The nuts on these palms grow close to the trunk, and their development is one of the most remarkable features of the tropical growth. Illustrations are here presented of the fruit in various stages. First, the half-opened pod, showing the small nuts in their earliest form. This pod resembles a huge ear of green corn, enveloped in its husk, and reaches a length of from three to five feet.

In the next stage, the husk or pod has fallen off, and the nuts, in larger size are seen clinging to the tough, fibrous branches, which are leafless. They now resemble greatly the accorn, except they have not its roundness, their shape being more triangular.

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which are leaness. They now resemble greatly the acorn, except they have not its roundness, their shape being more triangular.

After further development the nuts reach the point where they are known as the jelly cocoanut, being the size of a small melon. In this for m the nut never reaches the Northern market, but is highly prized by the natives for its milk, and also for the jelly, which is found in a thin layer clinging to the meat.

The milk is perfectly colorless, and clear as water. It is very sweet and utterly unlike that which is got from the over ripe cocoan ut sat the North, in which is frequently become s rancid or sour.

There is one peculiarity which deserves to be noted. No matter how hot it may be, even if the temperature is 100 degrees or more, the milk when drawn in from the cocoanut is as cool as though it had been on ice.

When the nut ripens, it has a hard, fibrous covering, and when this is removed, it shows the nut, just as it is offered for sale in the cities and towns of the North.

On one tree may be seen at the same time nuts in every stage of development, from the pod, yet unopened, to those which have ripened.

# SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT.

There is a growing disposition all over the country, to limit by legislation extortionate charges on articles of absolute necessity to the community, such as water, gas and coal.

The present policy of the Canadian officials in prosecuting men who favor annexation can have only one result. And history has repeatedly taught what that result will be.

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A good deal of the talk about abandoned farms in the New England States has no basis in fact. In Connecticut, for instance, there are only about three hundred small farms offered for sale, and practically none that are actually "abandoned."

Skilled engineers in the United States Navy often resign to accept offers from large manufacturing concerns paying from two to five times as much as the salaries given by the government. And the last thing a first rate business man, in private life usually finds time to do, is to "hold an office."

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The old apprenticeship system is now almost entirely obsolete. It would seem to indicate that the American boy is in too much of a hurry to get rich, to start at the bottom of the ladder, and that he is ashamed to work in overalls. He would be an office boy or a counter-jumper of some sort or other, rather than spend four years of his youth in the old-fashioned way, learning a trade at which he may always earn his living. He would do well to remember that many of the heads of the largest American manufactories started as apprentices in the works they now own.

own.

The grade crossings of the railroads entering Chicago kill people at the rate of more than one a day. The list of those maimed for life is much larger. A curious anomaly in the laws of many States is that while a person injured by the railroad may recover practically any amount in damages, his widow and children can under no circumstances recover more than five thousand dollars in case he is killed outright. The justice of this is not readily apparent, and there is some agitation for its repeal. The present situation has given rise to the sarcastic saying that "It is cheaper for a railroad to kill a man than main him."

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EAR NEPHEWS AND NIECES: Loving and appreciative words for our dear Comport have come to me this month from all over the country. I wish here to emphasize what I already have said, that you must not feel unhappy if your letters are not printed. Every one that comes is carefully read, and is given the same consideration that is bestowed upon those which are printed. To let you see how impossible it is to use all of them, if I were to try the experiment

which are printed. To let you see now impossine it is to use all of them, if I were to try the experiment for one month, the problishers would be obliged to issue a paper every wee, and to print nothing—not even advertisements—but the letters.

I have just a word to say about the manner of writing. Select some topic with which you are perfectly familiar, and write about it simply and naturally. Write it as you would speak it. Avoid the use of long words, it is priggish and pedantic to fill a letter with words you would not dream of using in conversation.

We are past the Addisonian period of literature, and in place of redundant expression and words derived from the Roman, the best writers employ direct phrases, and words which have a Saxon origin as far as possible. If you would know just what I mean by this read Carlyle and Emerson, and the books of John Fisks on American History. I consider Mr. Fiske the best example of the use of vigorous English that the present time affords.

The practise of writing the letters will be good for you even if they do not see print the first or second or half-dozenth time. And remember that always you are welcome.

AUNT MINEREVA.

Thinking that you would be interested in a Cali-



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Thinking that you would be interested in a Callfornia Indian feast, I have attempted to briefly describe one that I saw.

During the few days preceding the feast, the Indians busied themselves with cooking the good things of which they were to partake. These consisted mainly of beef, tortillas (a mixture of bread and water baked on hot rocks), and acorn pudding. They also made images to represent every person who had died during the three preceding years. The see images were made of wood and were dressed in the best of clothes.complete with shoes, stockings, hats, etc. On the morning of the appointed day, the Indians from the different rancherlas gathered at the place where the feast was to be held. About ten o'clock the squaws squatted themselves on the ground in the form of a circle, with the men standing just back of them. An Indian priest then took his place within the circle. He first read (in Spanish) a passage from a book he held, When he had finished, he chanted a song or prayer, at the same time shaking a rattle made from a gourd. He continued to do these two things alternately for some time. During this time the majority of the squaws were crying and walling in a most piteous manner. When the priest had finished his ceremonies, the Indians repaired to the place where the images were standing. Each image was grasped by a man who then commenced a kind of dance or march, grunting all the time. While these were marching some of the other Indians to seed coins, baskets and fine calicoes into the air. When these articles fell to the ground, they were carried off by any who wished to take them, except relatives of the dead ones represented by the images. When the men had concluded their march they placed the images in a pile and burned them.

Then the good things were brought out and passed around the age getting the choicest morsels.

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th were the means by which these Indians de-

rived pleasure. PHILIP MCANANY, Warner, Calif.

I think this letter will be found very interesting. The ceremonies attendant on the "coming out" of the fashionable girl, when she says good-bye to the school-room and begins her career as a society devotee, is quite as elaborate, but not so appalling. Still, when we consider the temptations that come to young girls all about, it is not so much amiss to say that one, as well as the other, is "tried by fire."

a come to you for the first time with a talk on roads.
ow is the time of year when everyone is beginning feel the importance of good country roads. When



I say everyone, I mean those who live in the city as well as those who live in the country. But of course those of you who live in the city can't well appreciate the importance as well as those who live in the country and have to be bothered with such a nuisance as mud. And mud is really a nuisance to the

nuisance as mud. And mud is really a nuisance to the farmer to promptly take advantage of the highest market, no matter what season of the year; they lessen the expense of keeping working horses in good order, and reduce to a mimimum the wear and tear on wagons and carriages. They furnish a ready communication with the outside world at all times of the year; and prevent many vexations and nervous strains to which farmers and their families are liable when contending with the bad highways which are almost a barrier to Christianity and civilization. They would be free from dust in summer and mud in the fall, winter and spring. They would be the best possible investment to the tax-payer and would do away with the supervisor system in places where it is still in use. They would make it more convenient for the farmer to go for the mail by which the long-expected Comport is brought to him. It would make it more convenient for him to carry his children to school, and his family to church or to a neighbor's. Good roads would, in fact, be the promotion of the education, morality and Christianity of a community.

They would be the means of bringing more trade to the merchant, and make it more pleasant for the physician to go into the country to see his patients. They would therefore be a benefit to the health, wealth, prosperity and general welfare of a community.

ORVILLE H. STEWAET, Adams, Ind.

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ORVILLE H. STEWART, Adams, Ind.

A timely word well spoken is this from Indiana.
There seems to be an interest in good roads springing up all over the country. Too little care is taken of the roads in most towns, the voters seeming to think that other matters are of greater importance. This is a subject which interests the whole household, women and children even more than men. All of Comport's family should work in the interest of good roads—think what an army of workers that would make! Over a million of people asking for improved highways. Don't you believe they would be a matter of course.

How many of you have heard of the proposed asphalt highway from New York to Chicago for bicycle riders?



Our New Jersey cousin might have added to the list which entitles his State to consideration. Within her boundaries some of the most famous battles of the Revolution were fought, and it was while crossing New Jersey with his army that Washington began the work of conquest which ended later at Yorktown in Virginia.

I wonder how many of the Comfort cousins are in-terested in the Islands of the Atlantic which stretch away to the south of Florids. These are the Bahama Islands, of which the largest is New Providence, and on this island is the lovely city of Nassau, where noted American and English people pass the winter aud spring months.

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This island, which is one of hundreds, is of coral formation, the climate is delightful, and it is a famous health resort for the people who can pull themselves away from daily newspapers and the postman, since the steamer comes only twice a month bringing news from the mainland.

Nassau has a population of about 15,000 of which three-fourths are black. During the war it was a famous resort for blockade runners, but since that time it has lapsed into the quiet of the tropics.

The chief products are pineapples, sapadillos, sisal hemp—of which thousands of acres have been planted—cocoanuts, and other tropical fruits. It is also the home of the green turtle, which is so prized in northern cities for its steak and meat for soups, likewise the hawk-bill, from which the beautiful tortoise-shell ornaments are made.

Among the noted natural wonders of Nassau, that delight all visitors, are the Sea Gardens. It is almost impossible to describe them so that you will gain even the faintest idea of their wonder and their beauty. It is like an aquatic fairyland. These Sea Gardens are stretches of coral reef, up from which grow some of the most exquisite sea-plants that ever have been Seen and among which beautiful colored fish glide noiselessly. They comprise thousands of acres of coral area, and the plants with which they are covered comprise nearly every species in the marine flora. The water is perfectly clear, so that everything can be plainly seen from the surface. The best time to visit the gardens is at low tide, and when the sea is smooth.

The excursion is made in a sailboat, which carries a glass-bottomed rowboat, in which the people may be rowed over the expanse. The boat carries also a glass-bottomed rowboat, in which the people may be rowed over the or for inches and assists the holder to see the mysteries of this submarine garden, at a depth of from thirty to fitty feet. Usually a little bla

rices a nammer, and breaks it off with a few sharp strokes.

Another natural wonder is the Lake of Fire, a small body of water at one end of the city, which connects with the ocean by a small canal. By day, and even by night, when its surface is undisturbed, it presents no unusual appearance. But after sundown, when the water is broken by the play of oars, or by the splash of a stone, or the leaping of a fish, it bursts suddenly into a flame of phosphorescent glow. It is supposed that this phenomenon is due to the presence in the water of minute jelly-fish. The Hahamas are under English control, and in the square opposite the Government House, which is the

residence of the Governor, is a fine statue of Colum

hus.

Nassau, unlike most other tropical cities, is a marvel of cleanliness. Its hard white streets, graceful palms and stuccoed yellow walls, bathed in perpetual sunshine, make it a delight to the eye.

It boasts of a fine hotel, the Royal Victoria, beautifully located overlooking the harbor, which some years ago was managed by a brother of President-elect Cleveland, who lost his life by the sinking of a steamer bound from New York to Nassau.

PAULINE GARLAND, Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas.

Bahamas.

This letter is a model in construction and will be read with the greatest interest. It is distinctively the kind of letter which Comport desires, for this department, and would have received one of the monogram prizes had the writer's name been found on the list of regular subscribers. We desire again to impress upon the minds of all contributors that prizes will be awarded to regular subscribers only. Aside from this, all conditions which appear at the head of this department must be compiled with.

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I am a new cousin and am much interested in the "Chats." I have not seen any letters from Wyoming, and I thought I might speak on a subject that doubtless many young men in the east have been considering, and that is, Horace Greeley's advice to young men, "Go West, and grow up with the country." That was probably good advice at the time it was given, but remember that was a good many years ago. The West of to-day is overcrowded with young men and old too, for that m atter. Wages are not as good here as they are in the good of the country of the

while so me articles of articles of articles of articles of the central part of Nebraska in three years, than I ever did in twenty years' residence between Chicago and the Missouri River. I have seen men that held responsible and remunerative positions in the east, working for twenty-five and thirty dollars per month. One man that for several years was superintendent of water-works in the Middle States, and for two years held the same position in a New England city, told me that he gave up his position in the East thinking he could do so much better out West, and after "going broke" to use a western phrase, he was obliged to take a pick and shovel and work for two dollars per day, and sleep on the ground rolled up in a blanket. I have many times heard young fellows say they would bate to have their friends know what they had been obliged to do to get something to eat, sometimes even begging for food at the doors. Boys that have comfortable homes, or work to keep them well fed and clothed, would best defer their visit to the West until they have money to come, and return, as soon as they have seen how times and prospects are; for hundreds are in the West today, who would gladly return to the "old Folks at Home," if they could only get the money to pay their fare and buy a decent suit of clothes to wear. Hoping this may serve to make some boy contented with his lot at home, I remain,
Your western cousin, John A. Thomas, Cheyenne, Laramie Co., Wyoming.

This word is one that is spoken none too quickly. The West is no longer the El Dorado of youthful dreams; it is harder work and rougher knocks than boys get in the East, If this cousin only succeeds in making the uneasy young fellows of New England and the Middle States "let well enough alone," he will deserve the grateful thanks, not only of the boys themselves, but of their parents and friends.

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will deserve the grateful thanks, not only of the boys themselves, but of their parents and friends.

Allow a new cousin from the central part of Texas to join you this time. I live in a town-surrounded by cotton-fields, I will tell you something about cotton and how it is raised. In a week or ten days after you have planted your seed a green plant will appear. After a while, a yellow blossom will come on it which in a day or two will wilt and turn a dark pink; then a bell like that of a rosabud is formed, the san bursts it open and snow-white cotton pops out. It is then ready for picking. When it is picked it is taken here and "ginned," that is, cleaned of the needs, then sold to the merchants for 8 and 10 cents per pound. It is taken to the sale yard and kept until some buyer comes, who pays for it about 12 cents a pound. It is spun and woven into cloth. Some of it is then sent back here for people to buy, and may be a farmer wears a coat from his own cotton field.

John T. Straleky, Comanche, Tex.

The Texas cousin shall be welcomed to the circle. Those of us who live

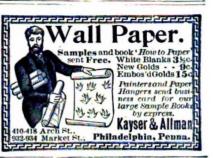
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Mosoow, Stevens County, Kansas.

Comport thanks the little Kansas herder for his good wishes and his kindly words. It is pleasant to know that there are "good schools and nice school-houses" for all the Western children. But it wouldn't be America if the schools didn't fourish. When I was out through the Wost the one thing that delighted me was the fine school buildings in every town, no matter how small. It is by means of the public schools that we make our good citizens. Men and women in whose hands it will be safe to trust our republic, will grow up from the boys and girls in these school-houses all over the country.

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You have often heard it said that it takes two to make a quarrel. D you believe it? I'll tell you how I managed with Joe, a friend of mine. There never was a time, when he came to see me, that we did not quarrel. I always tried to speak gently; but no matter how hard I tried, Joe would become angry. Sometimes he would go so far as to use sharp words. I at last determined to ask paps what I should do. 'Suppose you try this plan," he said, 'the next time Joe comes in, reat yourself in front of the fire, and take the tongs in your hand. Whenever a sharp word comes from Joe, gently snap the tongs, without a word.' Soon after in marched Joe. It was not a quarrer of an hour before his temper began to ruffie, and his voice was, raised; and as usual, he began to find fault and soild. I fied to the hearth and siezed the tongs, snapping them gently. More ampry words came from Joe's lips. "Why don't you speak," soresmed he in a fury. I then snapped the tongs. "Speak!" he said. For an answer I again snapping the words. The said. For an answer I again snapped the tongs, 'Speak!" he said. For an answer I again snapped the tongs, 'Speak!" he said. For an answer I again snapped the tongs, 'Speak!" he said. For an answer I again snapped the tongs, 'Speak!" he said. For an answer I again snapped the tongs, 'Speak!" he said. For an answer I again snapped the tongs, 'Speak!" he said. For an snapped the tongs

Willie Kelling,
Mount Pulaski, Ills.

I was very much pleased with
this letter from a little boy. It contains a good lesson for older folks
as well as for children. Willie's
papa must be very bright and original; he certainly
showed himself ready to meet the emergency that
came into his son's life. Not everybody has tongs to
snap when they wish to avoid a quarrel, but after all,
I suppose the main thing was to divert the mind and
keep the tongue from saying bitter words. Don't
you think that is a lesson we all need to learn?

Before we meet again our Easter festival will have passed. May I hope that will bring happiness to you all.

AUNT MINERVA.

# A Detective Outdone.

WRITTEN FOR COMPORT.

OHN KEANE had traced two successful counterfeiters from one haunt to another and finally congratulated himself that they were within his grasp.

He found that they had gone to a little village on the C. B. & Q. road, and were boarding with a widow who lived just outside the town.

This widow was a respected woman, of small means, who generally had several boarders during the summer season, and the detective felt confident that she knew nothing about the real character of her lodgers, who, under the names of Mr. Wallace and Mr. Pike, posed as real estate men.

Mr. Keane had worked his case carefully, and as the telt they had managed the affair very cleverly.

"They can't have got wind that I am in this part of the State," said Mr. Keane, "and all we've got to do is just drop in on them." The assistant agreed that the men were as good as caught, and they hurried along.

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"A good day for work," called out Mr. Keane cheer"".

The old man looked at him curiously and replied,

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"Strangers, aint ye?"
"Yes," responded Mr. Keane. "Can you tell us if
that's Widow Mason's house?"
"Yes, that's the wider's," replied the old fellow.
"Lookin' for board?"
"No, we have friends stopping there."
"Do tell, be those two fellers friends of yourn?
Wall, now! I hear they be inventors, they seem to be
mighty feared somebody'll find out what 'tis they're
inventin'."
The detective's face beamed with delight as he
bade the man good morning and passed on.
The widow herself opened the door. To her look of
inquiry, he said: "I called to see Mr. Pike; is he in?"
"No," was the answer, "he and his friend have
gone for a walk, but they will soon be in. Perhaps
you would like to wait in their room?" the widow
said pleasantly.

Mr. Keane asented, and was shown to the room.
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There the wide wleft them. Keane and his assistant began a vigorous search, but there was nothing to be found that would connect the inmates of this simply furnished room with counterfeit money.

The detectives seated themselves and waited for their men. Everything was very still. The only sound was the steps of a stout servant girl going about her work in the shed kitchen. The windows of the room where they waited commanded a good view of this room and they noticed the girl as she worked vigorously away at an ironing table.

An hour passed by and Mr. Keane became uneasy and called the widow. "Mr. Pike didn't leave any message, did he?" he inquired.

"Oh, no," answered the widow, "I should have thought of it before. They will probably be back soon."

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"Perhaps they may have left some word with your servant?" suggested Mr. Keane.
The widow, accompanied by her two visitors, went down the stairs. "Did Mr. Pike or Mr. Wallace leave any word about when they would be back, Libby?" questioned Mrs. Mason.
"They left a note, mum, and I tucked it under the clock," answered the girl. "An' I've been that busy that I never thought of it," and she returned to ner ironing.
The widow opened the note; it read:
"Dear Mrs. Mason:—We are suddenly called away and shall not return. Enclosed find the amount due for board. Respectfully, E. Pike."
"Why, what does it mean?" asked the widow with a bewildered air.
"It means, madam, that these men are counterfeit-

bewildered air.
"It means, madam, that these men are counterfeits. They evidently found out that we were after

them and while we have been sitting here they have got the start of us a good two hours."

"They may be hidden about the house or barn. O sir, you must search. I shant feel easy till I'm sure they are not about the place," said Mrs. Mason.

The detectives, assisted by Libby, made a quick search of the place, but no trace of the men was found, and after assuring the widow that the men were probably a good many miles distant, Mr. Keane hurried away.

Mrs. Mason watched them out of sight, as did also her overworked maid. As the detectives passed down the road the old man at work on the fence looked after them a moment, and then walked slowly towar. he house, where removing his white wig and faise beard, he could have been easily recognized as Wallace, the counterfeiter.

"Libby" in the meantime had changed into a stalwart young man whose resemblance to the widow Mason could easily be accounted for. Edward Pike was her younger brother, and Mrs. Mason had more than once cleverly shielded him from punishment.

She had heard that morning in the village that two strangers were in towa and that they had inquired for the boarding place of Mr. Pike. Their disguise had been her idea and the plan had been carried out successfully.

It was several years later that Mr. Keane found out how cleverly he had been deceived. The widow Mason was never captured, but it was discovered that for many years she had been a valuable assistant to the gang of successful counterfeiters of which her brother was the chief.

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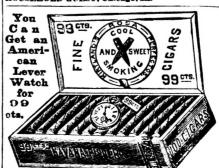
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AD roads represent an actual money value, taken from the people; a tax to which all have grown accustomed. This article will merely sketch the lines along which progress seems to be possible and sconomical. In the first place, improvements are needed in three directions. Better surface, adjustment of grades, shortening distances. In order to see what steps seem practicable, let us first consider some of the present conditions.

There is about as much money expended annually upon the roads as is expended by the post-office, but what a vast difference in the matter of satisfactory results. One is un-methodical, the other organized. The various road-masters or county commissioners, are for the most part well intentioned, without doubt, but work without reference to any general plan, render their own efforts futile by great lack of knowledge on the subject. Proper materials are not used in many cases, and in

materials are not used in many cases, and in fact, the demand for improvements is a tacit admission that the present system is, as a whole, a failure.

Now for the remedy. The most practicable scheme is to nationalize the work. There are several weighty reasons for this. The government can negotiate long loans at low rates—much lower than can the individual counties or even States. It could prosecute the work symmetrically, with due regard to surrounding counties and States. It could bring to bear the best engineering talent of the country and it would avoid petty township or individual squabbles, and immeasurably lessen the chance for "steals." It could buy and



maintain the most expensive and improved road-maining machines, and save the expense of duplicate purchases by the separate counties and types.

The reconstruction of the roads of this country is a vast enterprise. Compared to it, the huilding of the great Chinese wall was an insignificant undertaking. But a perfect system of highways would be the most magnificent present any nation ever gave to posterity. It means the building of a million miles of roads at the cost of about four thousand dollars a mile. The most practicable way of accomplishing the reform would seem to be the establishment of a Department of Roads, as a national bureau, and to have nader this department as sufficient number of trained surveyors and highway engineers. Lat these men go over the roads, and after the most careful consideration for future as well as present wants—and with an eye also to possible military uses—prepare maps, by counties, with the roads divided into two classes, highways, and common roads, or lanes. These maps to be submitted to meetings composed of delegates from all over the county. There should be no attempt to rebuild the lanes of common roads, at least not for the immediate present, nor to have the highways or National roads of uniformly expensive construction throughout their length. To illustrate; take a highway of twenty miles in length, connecting we will say, a railroad junction, town centre and post-office with a small manufacturing centre and post-office. Upon this road at the above estimated rate of four thousand dollars a mile, eighty thousand dollars is to be spent. This is apparently an enormous sum, greater than the benefit any one generation may get from it, but consider the generations which are to follow. For this reason the bonds should be long-running, that the first generation be not compelled to bear the total expense. Now let this twenty-mile stretch be divided into extense and the highway, out from each centre receive the first attention and if necesary about three-fourths of the total expen

diminish from the centres outwardly and it is neither economical nor necessary to have a portio of the road over which but a small amount of tray 1 passes, as thoroughly built as that in constant the open the disample of loads into the centres, rather the traying of loads into the centres, rather than made strictly uniform both ways, as the thing made strictly uniform both ways, as the improvement was made by Boyle, who suggested the use of alcohol in a closed tube, to which a scale, indicating degrees of temperature, was attached. It was Newton who took advantage of the fact that the melting point of ice and boiling point of water than made strictly uniform both ways, as the improvement was made by Boyle, who suggested the use of alcohol in a closed tube, to which a scale, indicating degrees of temperature, was attached. It was Newton who took advantage of the fact that the melting point of ice and boiling point of water furnished two fixed points of temperature, and he divided the intermediate range between them into disadvantage involved by this. Competent end is a small road appropriation in relieving one steep incline, than seek to improve several lesser incline, than seek to improve several lesser of the control of the size of the provided the intermediate range between them into disadvantage involved by this. Competent end is a small road appropriation in relieving one steep incline, than seek to improve several lesser of the provided the intermediate range between them into disadvantage involved by this. Competent end to disadvantage of the fact that the melting point of water furnished two fixed points of temperature, was attached.

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He writes that at present one
of the sights in Nassan is the
drill of the company of little
colored Zouaves who are to go
to Chicago very soon, having
been organized specially for
the World's Fair. There are
ten of them; bright, active boys
from nine to thirteen years of
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training for months, and the
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cup.

They carry Remington rifles

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They carry Remington rifles
with bayonets, made of special
size to suit them, and they
keep them in as good order as
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These little warriors have shirked none of the more difficult accomplishments of the great game of war. The roll of drum and peal of bugle float from their ranks upon the air, at morning, noon, and night, for though the forts, which swarmed with British red-coats during the civil war, when Nassau was a port of refuge for the swift blockade-running steamers, are now silent and ungarrisoned save by a mere handful of constabulary, there still remains an air of military discipline, and the infant infantrymen have had ample instruction from the Queen's trumpeters who daily sound the reveille and other calls.

To the sound of the bugle they scurry through the skirmish drill, advance, retreat, rally and charge, an army in miniature, while the rattle of drum and blare of trumpet attract and amuse visitors and enchant the native population, always fond of noise and display.

They will exhibit at Chicago under calcium lights

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They will exhibit at Chicago under calcium lights of various colors, which will add greatly to the briliant effect of their movements.

Thoir drill is very entertaining, and it is marvelous to see the dexterity and precision with which the maneuvers are executed. Not only do they go through the manual, but they also give the bayonet drill, and the lightning drill, which are most dazzling performances.

They are so interested

# Above or Below Zero.

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NYONE who is asked might say, "Certainly I know all about it."

Yet few people know the origin of that wonderful little instrument in common use in every home, which gives us the dain for comparing notes on the weather—that fruitful topic of conversation—tells the mariner when he is approaching the region of the engage of the english of the physician to tell the temperature of the human body, and is used all ik e by the scientist, the chemist, the dairyman and the cook, and consulted by everybody.

The name of this valuable discovery, "thermometer," is derived from two Greek words signifying "heat" and "measure."

The discovery was apparently made in somewhat modern itimes, it being in 1630 that Cornelius Drebbel, a Hollander, proposed a method for indicating changes in itemperature, by means of a glass bulb with a small clongated stem, which was dipped into a liquid. The expansion or contraction of the imprisoned air, by heat or cold, drove the liquid up and down in the stem.

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the stem.
This was the origin of the air thermometer; tain in its indications,

Alcohol and mercury possess many qualities which render them valuable for thermometrical purposes. Alcohol does not freeze at any known degree of cold, and is therefore used in measuring very low temperature, while mercury has a very high boiling point and is used for ascertaining degrees of intense heat. In the manufacture of a mercurial thermometer three operations are necessary: First, selecting a perfect tube of exactly equal dimensions throughout its entire length; second, the introduction of the mercury, and; third, the graduation of the scale.

The tube, which is provided with a bulb, is first filled; during this operation heat is applied to the bulb, until the air is expelled, and the stem and bulb filled with mercury; the other end is then hermetically scaled, by melting the glass tube and closing it. Graduating, or marking the scale, is accomplished by determining the two fixed points; the melting point of ice by immersing the bulb and part of the stem in snow or cracked ice, and the boiling possion of water, by surrounding the tube with steam.

the scale is marked on the glass stem, by first covering it with war and scratching the divisions with a fine steel point; then applying hydrofluoric acid to these scratches, and when the wax is afterwards removed the marks are found stoked on the glass.

The thermometer used for ordinary purposes in this country, England and Holland, is the Fahrenheit; this scale is divided into 189 degrees between the freezing and boiling points. The inventor, whose name it bears, made a mistake in assuming that 32 degrees below freezing point, or 0 degrees, represents total absence of heat.

In France and on the Continent the scale introduced by Celsius is used; this is known as the Centigrade, and is divided—between freezing and boiling points—into 100 equal parts. It is generally used for scientific purposes.

The third common form of thermometer, suggested by Reaumur, is still used in Russia and Germany, being divided into 80 parts.

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ELL, children, this has been a windy day all over the country, the last of Febru-ary and the first of March is usually so. The snow is going. That's good, and perhaps St. Patrick's Day will be pleas-ant for those who celebrate. Let us hope so.

Who was St. Patrick?

who was St. Patrick?

I have heard that he drove all the snakes out of Ireland; at all events he drove wickedness out of the Emerald Isle, for he founded 400 churches and with his own hands baptized 12,000 people. He lived in the 5th century and yet his good deeds are fresh to-day. He was, no doubt, the greatest missionary the world has yet known and it is well that his memory is kept green.

A GAME.

A GAME.





# A PERFECT SQUARE.



we will form a perfectsquare. And by the way, if you cut these figures out of card-board or something a trifle stiffer than or dinary paper. You much more convenient to handle. These puzzles will teach you patience and

patience and carefulness.
You can do this square, Frank, and I will suggest a little to help you. The you. The paper or inches, 4 by

THE CARPENTER'S SQUARE.



STILL another problem. A carpenter has a piece of wood—we will still use paper or cardboard to work out this problem—which is 10 inches long and 2 inches wide. He wants to make a square from this material, and as he is a bright man, and knows histrade, he goes atit as follows:

There, I give you hints enough, so youcan go ahead with the work and complete the square for the carpenter, or as the carpenter would.

# A HARD ONE.

HERE is a piece of paper say 3 inches square, with one-fourth gone.

Let us see if we can't divide; it into eight parts and make two sets of pieces, 4 just alike in each set. When we have them in exact parts, go to work and put them together so they will make the original form again. It's not so easy as it looks, if you will keep your eyes from the original drawing. The drawing is not made in full; you must divide it yourself.

This, by the way, was one of "Abe" Lincoln's favorite ideas which he always amused children with; even when the cares of the country rested upon his head as President, he was ever ready to join in tricks, plays, puzzles and other childish pleasures. This reminds me that on March 4th President Harrison will become simple Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Cleveland, President Cleveland thus the political tide recedes from the one and carries the other on the great wave of success. But we must get to work again. So here is

### THE FOURTEEN PUZZLE.

THIS will be the last one of this kind to-night, so have a little patience. Don't work too long at one puzzie, only long enough to train yourself not to avoid any work just because it's hard. Try several of them in succession. Perhaps you may get a



hem in succession.

Perhaps you may get an idea in one that will help you with another. Here are four figures.

Make four each of those marked 4 and two each of those marked 2; now put them together so they will make an oblong like this:

Parts of which I give in dotted lines. The paper or oblong can be 4 inches long by 2 1-2 inches wide.
All of these paper puzzles try one's good nature, and for a pastime they amuse you and in a lot will save them for future use. Now for something else.

### THREE SQUARES LEFT.



THREE SQUARES LEFT.

WHAT, more puzzles. Well, Ruby, pass me the toothpicks. Now I'm not going to tell you how this ingenious bit of magic is performed. You must work it out yourself. I will make six squares with the picks like this. Now remove five picks—or matches, if you have no picks—and leave three perfect squares.

"I saw Aunt Annie do that, Uncle Charlie."

Did you, Henry? I dare say, it is hard to get up new tricks, but you can't do this one. It is called—or was called when I was a boy

# "HOP PENNIES."

LET me see, yes, I have ten pennies in my pocket and I place them in a row. I take up



one and place it on another. But I must pass over only two pennies to do it. The idea is to get five plies with two pennies on each pile.

Give you, a start?

Well, I will. You see I take the fourth penny and place it on the first. I jumped over two Now I take the seventh penny and place it on the third, and so on. You'll do it, take your time.

# SLAP HANDS.

WHILE you are making out that puzzle and as I am tired thinking, Amy and I will play "Slap Hands."



Put your hand, palm open, on my knee. Now I will raise my hand two feet from yoursand if I can bring it down on yours three times out of five, before you with draw yours. I am the winner. Then I will place my hand and you strike at it. Lots of

fun, aint it? Makes you nervous?

Well, it is exciting when we are in earnest. Let's reverse the order. I hold my hand in the air, palm up, and you make five attempts to strike upwards and hit the back. Surprising how quick we are.

# A STORY.

Well, never mind the bits of paper laying about, and you, Henry, can have the ten pennies when you do the trick. Sit round and I will tell you a pretty story.

Jolly! How the wind howls.

Jolly! How the wind howls.

Once there was a poor lad who helped his father mend shoes. He also ran errands for neighbors and often spent too much time talking with children, telling them most wonderful stories, which he would make up as he went along. As he grew older the children from all about used to gather near his father's shop and watch for the story teller, so eager were they to hear a strange story from the simple lips of the cobbler's son.

So days months and years went by and sixty

cobbler's son.

So days, months and years went by and singular to relate, the story teller never grew old but remained just like a child in his mind. He would sit for an hour or two training his flowers, which grew in a sugar-box on top of the house, and would conjure up stories for the young people. After a time he wrote stories for the publishers, and was able to support his father and mother. So he lived, and when he died, in 1875, all the world sent tributes to his funeral. His name was Hans Christian Anderson, and he wrote the most beautiful fairy teles ever published. He was a gifted son of Denmark. So it is that the pure and simple become greater than the wise.

### APRIL FOOL



LOOK out for April Fool's Day, the first of next month. For ages this day has been styled April Fool's Day; even the Hindoos play foolish tricks that day, as do all nations. The custom was derived from religious rite which the people of the middle ages performed. They used to send people on silly errands, as Christ was sent from Annas to Calaphas, and from Pilate to Herool It is all right to be abandoned to nonsense once a year, but don't play harmful jokes. Easter occurs

next month, the festival of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I like the old custom, children, when people used to meet Easter Day and give one another an Easter Kiss. But after all, nothing is sweeter than a good-night kiss from all for

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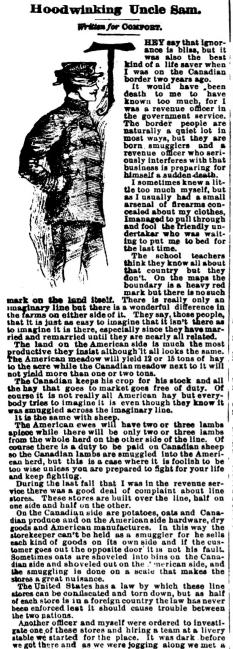
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of each success. The state of each success of each success. Another officer and myself were ordered to investigate one of these stores and hiring a team at a livery stable we started for the place. It was dark before we got there and as we were jogging along we met a farmer with a load of oats.

We knew that nobody but a smuggler would haul cast to market at that time of night so we drew our revolvers and ordered him to throw up his hands. He was awfully mad but he could not do anything but submit. We arrested him, the team and the oats and started back to town postponing our visit to the store.

stors. When we got to the stable we found that we had another fight on our hands for the livery man was also the owner of the team we had seized and confiscated. After we had pounded the fight out of him he tried to get even by charging us enough to cover the loss of the team he had lost, but when we showed him the handcuffs we found that he had made out a

wrong bill.

I left soon after that and my partner isn't there either. He thought it was fun to arrest smugglers but he could not shoot quick enough and went to the triendly "ndertaker next day.

The man who took my place sent to the department the first day for instructions as to what to do with the smuggled goods that he seized. He got the instructions but he never used them.

Very early in the game he learned that where ignorance is bils it's folly to be wise. You see he attended my partner's funeral.

# CLOCKS AND WATCHES.

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ANCY HANKS has beaten the world's record, by trot-ting a mile in 2 minutes and 5

ting a mile in 2 minutes and 5 seconds.

White all the world marvelled at her speed, how few people thought of the means, by which the time was determined.

of these sand-glasses are still to be seen in use, or as cariosities.

About 290 B. C. the first sun dial was erected in Rome, and consisted of a stone column, which threw shadows of different lengths, at certain hours of the day. From this original, the more modern sun dial was fashioned; consisting of a flat disc, divided on the rim into hours and fractions of an hour, with all the dividing lines converging at the centre of the disc. Standing upright is a triangular piece with its right angle directly on the centre. When placed in its proper position, the sun casts the shadow of this triangle across the marked lines, and the edge of the shadow denotes the hour.

From this time, to about the Tenth Century, the history of time-keepers is obscure.

In 996 A. D., Sylvester II, then Archbishop, constructed, a clock driven by weights; this was called an horologium, from the Greek, meaning hour-keeper. They were used in the monasteries during the lith Century.

The first clock that approached the modern ones, in its construction, was made by Henry Vieth in 130, for Charles V of France. This consisted of a saccession of wheels, with a weight for its motive power; the large wheel making one revolution an hour.

Weights in clocks were succeeded by mainsprings, but in a city of the contraction of the contraction

weights in clocks were succeeded by mainsprings, but in either case the power is allowed to escape tradually by use of a pendulum. If the latter measures \$1.1 inches in length, one vibration of exceptes exactly one second. The invention of the pendulum was made by accident. Galileo, watching a swinging lamp in an old Italian cathedral, aw in its wibrations a principle that could be

adapted to the measurement of time, and therefore gave to the world one of the most important factors of the modern time-piece.

The only perfect pendulum is the one made in two kinds of metal. It is composed of bars, one set sliding through the other; no matter what the temperature may be the expansion of one is counteracted by the contraction of the other, and, the length always remains the same.

Watches were invented at Nurenburg, during the last of the 16th Century. A watch is nothing more than a ministure clock, whose pendulum is replaced by a balance wheel; the works are practically the same and the same terms are applicable to both.

The essential parts consist of a train of wheels, the main spring from which its motion is derived, the dial and hands which interpret the time to the owner. The dial is made by fusing enamel upon a thoroughly cleaned disc of copper, this is ground on a stone, then subjected again to heat which glazes the surface; the figures are then painted in with black porcelain paint, and burned in. The plain English figures are now being used in the newest watches, in place of the old Roman numerals, and are much more easily deciphered.

The stop-watch, besides having the essential parts of an ordinary time keeper, has a hand which makes one revolution around a small dial in one second, making four or five quick movements in the circuit, indicating quarters or fifths of seconds; a pressure on a stud at the side of the watch starts and stops this hand.

The principal foreign watch factories are situated at Geneva, Chaux de Fonds and Loole, Switzerland, also at Liverpool, England. Our own are at Elgin, Springfield and Grand Crocesing, Ill., Marwin, N. J., Waterbury, Conn., Waltham and Boston, Mass.

### WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

The prominent colleges and universities have coured space for exhibits at the World's Fair.

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The original life-boat in which Grace Darling performed her thrilling deed, will be sent for exhibition. Three hundred thousand incandescent electric lights are to be used for the interior lighting of the World's Fair buildings.

Missouri produces three-fourths of all the sine in the United States and will exhibit a statue of that metal at the World's Fair.

A cheese will be sent to the World's Fair from Canda which will weigh threen tons. A special foundation is being built for it.

There will be a west interesting collection of all

cannot which will weigh thirteen tons. A special foundation is being built for it.

There will be a most interesting collection of all that relates to fishing, from the bone fish-hooks of primitive man to the modern fly that cannot be told from a real insect, and from the untrimmed sapling to the most modern steel trout pole with patent recl.

A reproduction in sait of the Goddess of Liberty on Bedioé's Island in New York Harbor, is being sculptured at the works of the Sait Union in Winsford, England, for exhibition at the World's Fair. The statue itself is five feet six inches high, and it will stand on a base seven feet in height. It will be carved out of solid white sait and the sub-base will be of amber colored rock sait, to imitate the rocks of the island. The base will be highly ornamented, with mouldings, panels and inscriptions.

### HAPPENINGS.

A resident of Michigan boasts that though married forty years he never kisbed his wife.

Belva Lockwood says it is wicked to buy children tin soldiers, as it makes them bloodthirsty.

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Ice-outters in Maine recently found a half-blown pond-lily in a cake of ice. They removed it carefully, put it in water, and it burst into full bloom.

The man who invented the drop gates used at almost every railway crossing, died recently in Providence. He leaves seven wives, having been divorced from six.

A signal service officer says that the smoke hanging over cities acts, in quiet days in cold weather, as a blanket, often making the temperature 20 degress warmer than the surrounding country.

There is a gentle sarcasm, although evidently not intended, in an old book on the bringing up of children, which says, "Every child should be taught how to kindle the kitchen fre. It is an art which many an adult does not understand." There are a great many adults, however, who think they understand it too well.

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In some of the English towns they have revived an old law against swearing, enacted during the reign of George II, imposing a fine of a shilling an oath, for a laborer, two shillings, when the offender is above a laborer socially and under the grade of a gentleman, and five shillings an oath if uttered by a gentleman. This applies both to the public streets and to swearing upon one's own premises.

In London, certain ingenious persons throw huge advertisements, by means of magic lanterns, upon the clouds at night. The only hope for the suffering public lies in the hope that the rival advertisers will so mix up their signs as to render them unreadable, and thereby be forced to give up. But if not, there will be a rare opportunity afforded for real estate owners to sue people for trespassing upon their sky.

In Norwich, Connecticut, during the progress of a trial for attempted assassination the pistol with which the deed was attempted was called for and produced. The state's attorney toyed with it a few minutes, and pointing it at himself and at other lawyers, anapped the hammer several times. He then passed it up to the presiding judge, who grew visibly pale as he examined it and found four loaded cartridges in it, with the basee of three of them dented by the hammer.

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Three bold highwaymen in Indiana sallied forth to relieve wayfarers of their purses. They saw two travelers coming towards them. They concealed themselves, drew revolvers and when the victims approached, sprang out and yelled "Hands up!" The meek strangers produced a pair of sandbags, and fell upon them with the greatest fury, beating them frightfully and taking away their revolvers. The two men were also highwaymen, and being captured shortly after, all concerned are now safely locked up.

Hunting for buried treasure will doubtless always fascinate humanity. Over a hundred years ago the British frigate Hussar sank in Hell Gate, near New York City, laden with an immense amount of gold coin. A company of wreckers was recently formed and \$15,000 have been expended in working with a diver and dredger. Last January the company failed with \$100 in its treasury. They fished up, in all, a box of junk and two guineas. One of the coins, dated 1760, was auctioned off for \$850, the other, dated 1766 sold for \$1,250.

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Pollowing these devices, were the sand-glasses; as slight improvement over their predecessors. Some of these sand-glasses are still to be seen in use, or as caricolities.

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United States to control. It is an eight day sair from San Francisco.

The pomp of the public functions is most amusing. This little kingdom never forgets that it is a kingdom, and the utmost ceremony is insisted upon. One of Comport's editors chanced to be in Honolulu in 1833, when the funeral of one of the Royal Princesses, Ruth Keelikolani, was celebrated in the following imposing manner. The hearse, which was used only for royal personages, was drawn by 200 men by a rope 700 feet long, which was draped its entire length with black.

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HAWAIIAN POPULATION GENERALLY,
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The body had lain in state for weeks, to permit these elaborate preparations to be made. The Kahilis, which are only used on these occasions, are long plumed rods, the plumes being made of the feathers of tropical birds, some of which are now extinct. After the funeral ceremonies, they are it is said wrapped in tobacco and cloth, and are put away until they shall be called into use again by the death of a member of the Royal Pamily. Some of these Kahilis have been in use for generations.

The foregoing shows something of the state which is observed by this tiny Pacific kingdom.

If, with its sixty-five million inhabitants, the United States were to make its public funerals as elaborate as this, in proportion, a body would have to lie in state a year, in order that preparations on a sufficiently magnificent scale might be made.

# Happenings Here, There 🗝 Yonder.

China has twenty times more coal than Europe In London there are about 15,000 trees in the public highways.

75,000 mackerel were recently caught in one night in Cape Cod bay.

The University of Pennsylvania is said to be about open its doors to women.

The Royal Sovereign of the English Navy is the largest war ship affoat.

So rare are the buffalo becoming that a full grown one now sells for a thousand dollars. A German in Lynn, Massachusetts, went into a restaurant and ate six dozen oysters recently.

The longest horse-car line in the world is in argentine It is fifty miles in length.

Argentine On the elevated railroads in New York City 208,-270,681 passengers were carried last year.

There is more alcohol in eider than in beer. The verage amount in beer is about 4 per cent, in eider

An army officer in the West, in raiding an Indian village, found a pack of cards made out of the skin of a white man. Stones are found in Finland which forete!l, by changing color, the probable character of the weather in the near future.

Scientific men say that there are over 250,000 kinds of insects. Two bundred different kinds make their

homes in pine trees. The ocean is more productive than the land. An

acre of good fishing ground will yield more food than an acre of the best farm.

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The fine large corks used in champagne bottles cost about one cent each. The grapes from which champagne is made are about the size of red currants.

The Empire State Express, a fast train on the New York Central Railroad, recently ran ten miles at the rate of ninety-five miles an hour to make up lost time.

An elevated railroad patterned after the New York Elevated Railroad is being built in Liverpool. The first section is nearly completed. The trains are to be operated by electricity.

German scientists assure us that coal suffers an important loss in weight and heat producing qualities by prolonged exposure to light and air. The softer the coal, the greater is this loss.

The tail office buildings of Chicago have attracted the attention and wonder of the world. Now one is to be built there the front of which will be all of glass and aluminum, the strongest and lightest metal known.

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In Paris the drinking water used comes from the river Scine, but recently it has been recommended that the water should not even be used to sprinkle the streets because when it dries, the digt carried in it in solution, is so full of contagious germs.

The new battleships of the U. S. Navy are to be armed with 45-ton guns. The Italian battleships are armed with 100-ton guns, but the concussion from the firing of these very heavy guns is so great that it is believed that the ship carrying them would be wrenched apart before injuring the enemy.

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eaders.
As the "Mystic Castle" was omitted from the becember Comport, there are no solutions to publish this month.

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No, 392. Numerical.

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The whole, composed of 45 letters, is an old adage.
The 31, 5, 45, 17, 37 is to betide.
The 42, 1, 25, 39, 29 are muscles.
The 21, 28, 9, 34, 26 is a penalty.
The 27, 8, 8, 36, 11 is a grimace.
The 3, 41, 19, 14, 44 is to reject.
The 20, 4, 38, 13, 10 is a fragment.
The 6, 18, 40, 32, 23 is putrefaction.
The 16, 43, 12, 24, 21 is a kind of slaty rock.
The 30, 22, 33, 35, 15 is to tax to the amount of a enth.

Belfast, Me.,

No. 393. Letter Enigma. In "a very fast youth," In "an aching tooth."

In "an aching tooth."
In "monstrous bites,"
In "numerous fights."
The whole, though very necessary,
Compels the people to be of it wary.
San Francisco, Cal.,

No. 394. Letter Enigma.

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In "come," not in "go,"
In "above" and in "helow;"
In "enemy," not in "friend,"
In "fort to defend,"
In "at our wits' end;"
In "at our wits' end;"
In the gifts we bestow."
I take total, in sending to total,
These lines of my composing, rude!
My muse has forsaken me entirely,
And with no thoughts has she me imbued.
Rochester, N. Y.

No. 386. Star.

Bachelor of Arts, (abbr.) 3. Per

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2. A letter. 2. Bachelor of Arts, (abbr.) 3. Peraining to Aaron. 4. Relating to oxen and cows. 5. Nothing. 6. To encircle, (obs.) 7. A small cell. 8. The beginning of clk hunting. 9. A letter.

Waterman, Ills.,

No. 396. Half square.

1. A letter. 2. Therefore. 3. To insulate. 4. A jutting. 5. To mulct, jobs.) 6. A stout woolen stuff. 1. Quieted. 8. A piece of music. 9. A successor. 10. Champions.

San Francisco, Cal., J. C. M.

No. 397. Charade.

My first the fields in Spring,
My second makes the echoes ring.
The total, oh how sad to pen!
Is often feeced by bunco men.
Hartford City, Ind., No. 398. Charade.

LEANDEL.

Merrily sings the milkmaid, O! Sweetly do the violets blow Down among the meadow grass, Where the shadows gently pass over shrub, and flower, and tree, And all earth is glad and free, Smiling as the violets sweet. I would last first, for a treat, if the milkmaid blithe and gay, Passes me with but a smile, I would speak to her the while Of the beauties round me spread, Calm, blue s ky above my head, Total trees on lofty hills, Shady nooks and running rills. But she, country born and bred, Used among these vales to tread, Cannot see How sweet to me,

Cannot see
How sweet to me,
Late from out the crowded mart,
All the beauties that my heart
Bounds with pleasure to behold.
O! the half has not been told
Of what nature gives so free;
One to taste them, sure must see.
Binghamton, N. Y.,

No. 399. Pentagon. No. 399. Pentagon.

1. A letter. 2. To incubate. 3. One who purifies.
4. Red ferruginous quartz. 5. Franciscan friars. 5. Lukewarmness. 7. One who withdraws. 8. That which is retained. 9. Quick sands.
White House, N. J.,

No. 400. Transposition.

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The total writes to please the folks who read, And more to fancy than to facts gives heed; He weaves his webs in richest colorings dressed; In fairest figures are his thoughts expressed. He writes for fame, and often gains the prize, Which so attractive seems to human eyes. He writes for gain—for he "loves tin"—as well As those who in the markets buy and sell; And when a bit he makes, like Eugene Sue, Or Walter Scott, or other "totals," true, A fortune comes to him in "yellow boys," Which he—as he "loves (in"—no doubt enjoys. Dubois, Ills., ASPIRO.

Nos. 401-404. Diamonds.

(401) 1. A letter. 2. To drink a little. 3. The ermine in its summer pelage. 4. Bombastic, 5. Transgression. 6. Fondling. 7. A tithe, (Scot.) 8. A domestic animal. 9. A letter.

Hommingsburg, ind.,

(402) 1. A letter. 2. To edge. 3. One who subdues. 4. Pertaining to Ham or his descendants. 5. Half Pagan. 6. Having spirit. 7. A fixed star in the left foot of the constellation Orion. 8. An errand boy. 9. A -letter.

Poultney, Vt.,

(402) 1. A letter. 9. A small regist or root. 2. Nos. 401-404. Diamonds.

(403) I A letter. 2. A small point or spot. 3. A whorse hairs drawn through the skin. 4. Blots at. 5. A sovereign. 6. Shaking. 7. Approaches, A place of bestial debauchery. 9. A letter from

Norris City, Ills.,

(464) 1. A consonant. 2. Apropos. 3. Ghosts. 4. The salivary gland situated nearest the ear. 5. Complete views in every direction. 6. A remedy, which tels on the nerves. 7. A general name for the varius tribes of monkeys. 8. Any cavity closed at one ind. 9. A letter in Spain.

Colebrook, Wisc., S. PAYNE.

No. 405. Rhomboid.

No. 405, knomboid.

Across:—1. A tribe of composite plants. 2. Images.

3. Arobber. 4. Deputies in India. 5. To sail back and forth. 6. An assembly.

Down:—1. A consonant. 2. A pronoun. 3. A taint. 4. Partaking of the same properties. 5. Consisting of dew. 6. A genus of bony fishes. 7. A room artificially warmed. 8. A male name. 9. A high wave or billow. 10. An abbreviation. 11. A vowel, Ypsilanti, Mich.,

No. 406. lcosahedron.

I. An accomplice. 2. Relating to a branch of science. 3. A Hungarian foot soldier in the Austrian service. 4. Compassionate. 5. Birth marks. 6. Reforms. 7. One of a class of Moorish conjurers. 8. An old coin. 9. Pertaining to sleep. 10. To move. 11. Moves slowly. 12. A neglect to perform services for two years. 13. Musical syllables. wo years. 13. N Belton, Texas, BLACK EYED CHARLEY.

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lower intestines to expel the alvine discharges, the putrid matter often remaining in the
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Between the place became curious to know semething about the little fellow's family tree, and a Harvard professor who happened along was sure that it belonged to the lyre bird tribe. It was not long, however, before the appearance of a beautiful red tuft on the head of her favorite in feathers set saide all doubt and gave unmistakable evidence of the fact that it belonged to the distinguished family of the Woodpecker Americanus. And it soon showed its natural proclivity to drill holes into every object which it saw; yet not having the gift of speech, it never seemed to bore its fair protector. Its lack of language was more than made up, however, by its astounding power of imitating, with its bill, such signs and symbols as met its keen eye.

Now everyone who has been at Beech wood Beach, knows the fluent fancy the young men have there of earving their sweetheart's initials in the trunks of the beautiful trees, for which this fashionable resort is noted, and astonishing as it may seem, this bird is noted, and astonishing as it may seem. This bird is noted, and astonishing as it may seem an Egyptian shelisk, while the doors and dirther wood-work are flagreed in a manner unknown even to the ancient Chinese.

The moral of all this is that we cannot be too careful in choosing the early surroundings and influences for even an orphaned woodpecker.

A CAPE COD bridegroom recently dealt the French language a terrible blow. He put up at the Plaza, the swellest of New York hotels, during the honeymoon, and being asked whether he and his bride wished table d'hote, or a la carte, replied that he would take "a little of both," but wanted "plenty of gravy."

NO doubt a man worth from fifty to a hundred millions ought to be able to say his prayers with warm feet and without profanity. But it is doubtful if the good Lord will excuse the sexton of Astor's church in New York for the beautiful bit of deception by which he sought to make the Money King comfortable on a certain very cold day.

The good sexton having overslept, was late in regulating his fires, and knowing that Astor would make it warm for him, if he did not make it warm for Astor, was terrified on seeing the Magnate's curraige drive up to the church door, while the thermometer in his pew marked but 58 degrees instead of the 72 which is the temperature insisted upon by the man of millions.

But he was ready for the emergency, and putting his thumb on the bulb, kept it there until it marked the proper degree. As Mr. Astor came in out of the blizzard a moment later, he looked at the thermometer, and with a satisfied air, laid aside his overcoat and proceeded to annonnee himself as a poor miserable sinner.

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"I am deeply in love with one of the belles of our town, whom I am auxious to marry, and being of a retiring disposition and unversed in such matters, I wonder if you will tell me the simplest and most successful form of proposing to a perfect lady. Would you advise me to do it in so many words? If so, how hany? If not, why not?"



ANSWER.—The best way of proposing depends upon circumstances. If the girl's father and mother are in Heaven, it is best to ask her to be your sister. If she is a perfect lady she will answer, "No, but I will be a wife to you." On the other hand, if she has a mother, the correct thing to do is to fall upon your knees before the latter, in accordance with the diagram furnished herewith, and implore her to become your mother-in-law.

In your particular case, Roland, we advise you not to do it "in so many words," but in so many years—say in fifteen.

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"Perhaps you will think me silly or stupid for asking such a question, but I am just dying to know what Umbah is. Is it something which a perfect lady can play without having the finger of scorn pointed at her, or is it one of those horrid card games like Euchre, over which men sacrifice their honor, their homes and their very salvation? I am a young lady with large, soft brown eyes, of pleasing appearance and a captivating figure (so my friends tell me); and while attending a party at my cousin's in Kankakee last week, a New York gent told me I would make a splendid Umbah player if my ma would only give me a chance. So I send these few lines hoping you will tell me all about it and what it is like—the Black Crook or Hamlet. Also if it has been played by anyone in tights—if so, by whom.

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ANSWER.—There are few things we wouldn't do for a pair of large soft brown eyes, especially if they are owned by a young lady of pleasing appearance and captivating figure, and if you will send in the name of that N. Y. gent, we shall take pleasure in cowhiding him at your cousins's in Kankakee, or elsewhere, for he has deceived you shamefully.

In the first place, it is a condition and not a theory that confronts us, because the Umbah is an instrument of torture and not a game, or play, as the villain led you to believe. And,



secondly, you might as well try to warm the foot of a mountain with a silken slumber sock as to play the Umbah with a pair of eyes—no matter how large or soft brown they may be. The Umbah isn't built that way, as you can readily see if you will be on hand the next time a member of the United Order of Red Men or Loyal Legion of Montezuma, No. 93, attends his own funeral. It is on these sad occasions that the Umbah artist appears at his best, as he marches slowly through the streets and punctuates the solemn strains of the village band with his base notes of musical misery. When not thusly engaged in drawing tears from bereaved widows and orphans, the Umbah player gives private instructions in lung testing. He is a man of note, and has become a power in the land, for if it were not for the silver-plated halo which he spreads over the remains of the late lamented, it really wouldn't be worth while dying.

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We may add in conclusion that while the Umbah has been played under all sorts of conditions and in rare negligee, it has not, up to the present writing, been played in tights, and we advise you to join the church.

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